

# **Town of Rowe**

## Massachusetts



# Annual Report

## **2022**

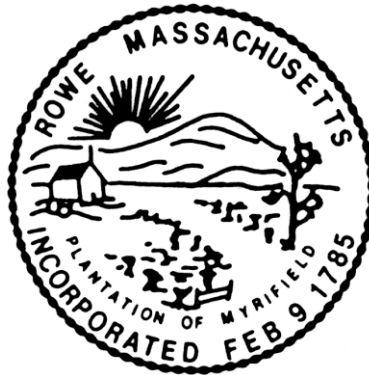
Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth

# Annual Report

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## **Town of Rowe**

Massachusetts



for the Year Ending

December 31, 2022

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## TOWN OF ROWE – TOWN INFORMATION & MEETING SCHEDULES

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BOARD/COMMISSION	FREQUENCY	LOCATION
Board of Selectmen	Every Other Thursday (6:00pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Twice Monthly (as posted) Wednesdays (6pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Council on Aging	Twice Monthly	Rowe Town Hall
Finance Committee	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Library Trustees	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Library
Park Commission	First Monday Monthly – as posted (6:30pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Monthly – (as posted)	Rowe Elementary School

All Board, Committee and Commission meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Official Bulletin Board per MA Open Meeting Law, with the agenda posted at least 48 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. Please check official bulletin board as meeting dates/times may change. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Also posted on Town website [www.rowe-ma.gov](http://www.rowe-ma.gov)

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TOWN EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	PHONE	WORKDAYS	HOURS
Executive Secretary	<a href="mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov">townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 100	M/T/W/TH* *12:00pm – Select Board Meeting Nights (every other Thursday)	9:30am - 5:30pm Or by Appointment
Administrative Asst.	<a href="mailto:adminasst@rowe-ma.gov">adminasst@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 101	M/T/W/TH	8:00am – 4:00pm
Accountant:	<a href="mailto:accountant@rowe-ma.gov">accountant@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 102	Varies	By Appointment
Animal Control Officer	<a href="mailto:rsanchezinc@gmail.com">rsanchezinc@gmail.com</a>			On Call
Assessors' Clerk:	<a href="mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov">assessor@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 104	Wednesday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Board of Health Clerk:	<a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 105	Tuesday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Board of Selectmen:	<a href="mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov">townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 100		by Appointment
Building Inspection:	<a href="http://www.fccip.org">www.fccip.org</a>	774-3167	M/T/W/TH/F	(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)
<b>EMERGENCY</b>		<b>9-1-1</b>		
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	<a href="mailto:emd@rowe-ma.gov">emd@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-4001		On Call
Fire Chief	<a href="mailto:firechief@rowe-ma.gov">firechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-4001 or 339-5520 ext. 112		On Call
Highway Superintendent	<a href="mailto:dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov">dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 111	Dec-Mar: M/T/W/TH/F Apr-Dec: M/T/W/TH	6:30am- 2:30pm 6:30am- 4:30pm
Library Director	<a href="mailto:rowelibrary@gmail.com">rowelibrary@gmail.com</a>	339-4761 or 339-5520 ext. 114	T/W/TH/SAT	10:00am - 5:00pm (Tues) 12:00am - 8:00pm (Wed) 3:00pm - 7:00pm(Thur) 10:00am - 3:00pm (Sat)
Park Ranger	<a href="mailto:parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov">parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8554 or 339-5520 ext. 110	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30am – 2:30pm
Police Chief:	<a href="mailto:policechief@rowe-ma.gov">policechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8340 or 339-5520 ext. 113	Wednesday Night	5:30-7:30pm & On Call
Rowe School	<a href="mailto:contact@roweschool.org">contact@roweschool.org</a>	413-512-5100	M/T/W/T/F	8:00am – 3:00pm
Town Clerk	<a href="mailto:townclerk@rowe-ma.gov">townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 103	M/T/TH/F	Refer to Town Website
Town Nurse	<a href="mailto:nurse@rowe-ma.gov">nurse@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 107	M/W/TH	8:00am- 4:00pm (Mon) (Thur) 8:00am- 6:00pm (Wed)
Transfer Station	<a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-0216	W/SAT/SUN	7am -10am (Wed) 4pm -7pm (Wed) 8am -2pm (Sat) 8am-12pm (Sun)
Treasurer/Collector	<a href="mailto:treasurer@rowe-ma.gov">treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 108	M/T/W/TH	11:00am – 4:00pm

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## IN FOND REMEMBRANCE - 2022

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Norma Denson

August 2, 1962 – August 5, 2022

Angela Fraley Foshay

January 9, 1924 – April 28, 2022

Raymond Gallo

October 22, 1953 – January 25, 2022

Mary E. Lenth

January 15, 1930 – May 5, 2022

Margaret “Maggie” Rice

January 22, 1947 – June 27, 2022

Jane Stetson

October 2, 1930 – April 4, 2022

Kristen Swenson

November 13, 1947 – August 2, 2022

Albert “Al” Williams

February 13, 1956 – December 27, 2022

Stanley Zielonka

February 21, 1942 – March 20, 2022

## IN FOND REMEMBRANCE - 2022

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Angela Fraley Foshay



Maggie Rice



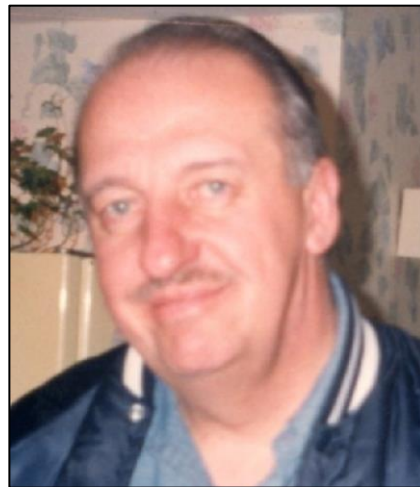
Jane Stetson



Kristen Swenson



Al Williams



Stanley Zielonka



**Annual Town Meeting May 2022**



**Special Town Meeting November 3, 2022**



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT - 2022**

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The Board of Selectmen composition remained the same as Chuck Sokol was reelected and continued to serve as Chair and Joanne Semanie, in her second term, as Vice-Chair. Ed Silva was re-elected and serving in the second term as Selectmen.

We continued to offer meetings in person or via remote participation or what we term as “hybrid” meetings, a combination of the two. We continued to evaluate, review and update Covid-19 plans as the virus presence continued through the year. Covid-19 Virus numbers increased in late summer/early fall so we exercised caution and held the Special Town Meeting in the Fire Station as a precaution and the school adjusted their classes accordingly.

It has to be said that due to the threat of Covid 19 events, plans and socialization was definitely put on hold and impacted a great many programs and eliminated so many usual activities.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

The town’s infrastructure of bridges, culvert and roads have continued to be in focus. The Ford Hill Culvert Replacement went out to bid following obtaining necessary permissions and funding in place the Small Bridge Grant funding to be completed by the end of 2023. Cyrus Stage Road Bridge is in final design stages with a projected 2024 start date. The Yankee Road design for reconstruction is in the final design stages.

At the Annual Town Meeting voters approved to borrow \$1,850,000 and secure a necessary bond to resurface roads in town. Eight roads were settled upon

### **PERSONNEL**

We welcomed a new office staff member with Brooke Shulda assuming the role of Administrative Assistant. Brooke is a resident of Rowe and we are appreciative of the enthusiasm and care she brings in her new role.

The ‘Wage and Salary Chart’ that was developed and finalized last year which is a tool for use when hiring a person to determine the appropriate wage for any given worker and provide a fair method to predict the future in each position. We continue to fine tune and work with the chart along with the Finance Committee to assess whether employees are fairly compensated. Each employee has been assigned a ‘grade’ and ‘step’ with the grade evaluating the position and the length the person has been in the position. In addition, we can refer to area wages and salaries as Franklin Regional Council of Government share information.

The position of Treasurer and Collector were formally combined into one position and adjusted hours accordingly.

We appreciate the work and efforts of all Committees, Board Members and Volunteers for dedication and service. Though living in this environment can be challenging and hard work at times, we are committed to maintaining the sense of community and working together to make our lives meaningful and fulfilling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Sokol, Chair  
Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair  
Ed Silva

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 2022

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Herb Butzke was re-elected to the Board by voters at the annual town election on May 15, 2022. The Board reorganized following the election and Rick Williams was nominated and re-elected to serve as Chair.

Christine Bailey continued to serve as Assessor's Administrative Assistant.

The Assessors continue to contract with Patriot Properties to utilize their *AssessPro* assessing database software, with Mayflower Valuation for annual residential appraisal consulting services, with GESansoucy PE, LLC for power company appraisals, with David Klebanoff of Gilman, McLaughlin & Hanrahan LLP for power company ATB appeals legal support and with CAI Technologies for tax mapping services including utilization of their web-based tax map platform—*AxisGIS*.

*Axis-GIS* is user-friendly on-line tax map system which can be accessed directly at [axisgis.com/rowema](https://axisgis.com/rowema) or via a link on the Assessors' page of the town's website ([rowe-ma.gov](https://rowe-ma.gov)).

Hybrid meetings were held throughout 2022 with the Board gathering in person at the Town Hall and the proceedings made available to the public via Zoom. The Board held 15 regular and 8 executive session meetings.

The following items were addressed at Assessors' meetings throughout the year:

- Building permits received from FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) were reviewed, field verified, and property cards updated accordingly
- Survey plans, deeds, liens, etc., received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed, compared to tax maps for verification of data, and property cards updated accordingly
- Tax map changes resulting from survey plans and deeds prepared by CAI Tech during the annual tax map update (these updates are also provided to MassGIS—the state's web-based mapping platform)
- Form of List (personal property declaration) returns received from property owners were reviewed and records updated accordingly

- Commitments and warrants for real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise taxes were reviewed and approved as necessary
- Tax exemption applications for seniors, veterans and non-profits were reviewed and granted/denied as allowed by law
- Abatement applications were reviewed and granted/denied as allowed by law

FY23 was a quintennial revaluation year. As such, updated values were determined for residential, commercial and industrial properties through the use of the contracted appraisal consultants previously listed. Despite a still active real estate market the revaluation year sales analysis resulted in only slight variations to residential home, building lot, and excess land values for FY23.

Significantly for 2022, a negotiated settlement was reached with one of the power companies involved in the long-running (FY19-FY22) appeals cases pending before the Appellate Tax Board (ATB). In December, Bear Swamp and the Towns of Rowe and Florida finalized a tax settlement agreement and 5-yr Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement. Bear Swamp agreed to withdraw their pending ATB appeals in exchange for: 1) an abatement of \$300,000 (Rowe share: \$170,000 & Florida share: \$130,000) and 2) a PILOT agreement to reduce the Bear Swamp total valuation by 10% to \$425,000,000 for a 5-yr duration. The ATB appeals cases by the other power companies (Great River Hydro and National Grid – New England Power/Mass Electric) remain unresolved.

The resulting FY23 total town valuation decreased by ~6.4% to \$492,172,756 primarily due to the decrease in Bear Swamp valuation as result of the negotiated settlement.

The FY23 tax rates of \$5.18 for Residential (R) and \$9.48 for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set on December 15, 2022 at a Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of \$5.33/\$8.69 (R/CIP).

According to the DOR's Municipal Databank records for FY23 (Fall 2022 tax bills), Rowe had the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest residential tax rate and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest average single family tax bill (\$1,370) in the state. For FY23 Rowe had an Excess Levy Capacity (margin to Levy Limit) of \$1,122,137.

Please feel free to contact the Assessors' Office during posted office hours or posted meetings; or via email at [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick N. (Rick) Williams, Chair  
Ellen B. Miller  
Herbert G. Butzke

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2022**

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The Cemetery Commission is grateful for the continued work being performed by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance, LLC as they maintain cemetery grounds, mowing, trimming and raking through the seasons.

The commissioners are always looking for anything that may damage the headstones. Stone wall repairs are an ongoing project as well. Large maintenance projects are scheduled as needed and the budget will allow.

An informative cemetery walk was hosted by the Rowe Historical Society this past year. Over 30 residents and guests learned some history of cemeteries and stones as well as about individuals buried in the North Cemetery. We look forward to more of these events allowing everyone an opportunity to learn more about our town.

Commissioners Jim and Jay Williams have finished clearing additional land to be added to the North Cemetery. 2023 should see finalization of the transfer of that property.

Cemetery lots are currently available in the East and West Cemeteries. Please contact any member of the Cemetery Commission for additional information concerning the purchase of lots.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams – 413-339-4731

Jay Williams – 413-339-8494

Joanne Semanie – 413-339-6667

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2022**

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The Conservation Commission meets monthly (usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) to address matters brought before it.

Various types of issues were brought before the Commission for their input, approval, or determination to see if there were Wetland Protection Act (WPA) regulations which needed to be considered. As a general rule, the philosophy of the Rowe Conservation Commission has been to work with the applicants to achieve their goals within the constraints of the WPA. Most of the time it's a simple matter of taking extra precautions to ensure construction material is kept out of wetlands, streams, or

water resources near the work site. Other times an extensive review of the project is required to ensure compliance with the WPA.

The Conservation Commission was involved with various engineering projects during the 2022 calendar year. One was with the New England Power Company in their project to replace transmission lines. The Commission also worked with National Grid to respond to a power line transformer leak on Leshure Road. A couple of other projects are still ongoing or have had the necessary projects review started and will continue through the 2023 calendar year. These are the replacement of the septic system at #19 Ford Hill Road and the culvert replacement near #146 Ford Hill Road Zoar.

In addition, there were several opportunities to assist by reviewing requests related to applicants. projects to ensure there were no WPA issues. Some of these requests were in the following locations:

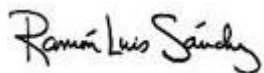
- Newell Cross Road – construction of a 24'x30' barn.
- Ford Hill Road – proposal to update septic system.
- Various request submitted by the Parks Department for work in Pelham Park.

There were two incidents where the Commission was involved because the planned activity would have altered the geology of the land. One dealt with logging in the wetlands on Monroe Hill Road north of the Ford Hill Road intersection. The second involved the attempt by a logging company to log on Brittingham Hill Road without submitting the proper paperwork.

Members of the Commission participate in educational and training activities during the year. These courses are provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC), and private consultants. The formats included classroom instruction, on-line classes, and fieldwork. The training provided commissioners with the basic knowledge and practical tools essential to carry out the many responsibilities of administering the WPA and open space planning. The training promotes sound, consistent fact-based decision making and builds respect for conservation commission decisions.

There is still one Commission position available. Individuals interested should contact the Commission with the understanding that if accepted they would be committing to participating in a one-year online program offered by MACC (at no cost to the participant) that will take them through the basic commissioner training.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramon Luis Sanchez, Chair  
Virginia Gabert  
Robert Clancy  
Dana Williams

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2022**

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The Finance Committee serves in an advisory role in all matters of financial commitments to town meetings, Select Board, and elected officials. This role is exercised with due diligence and attentiveness to the broad scope of Rowe's financial strength.

We are grateful to have Janice Boudreau and Brooke Shulda for administrative support

Among its accomplishments and processes were:

1. We were fortunate to have a veteran, faithful and full committee made up of Dan Pallotta, Loretta Dionne, Lauren Warner, Marilyn Wilson and Wayne Zavotka.
2. We approved necessary line-item transfers and reserve fund transfers throughout the fiscal year.
3. We sponsored an all committee/board night to begin the budget process.
4. Many of our meetings were a combination of zoom and in-present meetings
5. We met with the Select Board at times throughout the year to serve as consultant in matters impacting town financial decisions. The Select Board was present at most budget planning sessions for the fiscal 2024 budget
6. We worked as lead toward the development of the omnibus budget presented to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.
7. We processed the capital improvement, repair and property plan. With the FinCom's guidance a financial plan was adopted at the 2022 ATM for the comprehensive paving of Rowe roads.

We are in an inflationary period. These come and these go as you all know. It usually takes a few years for a municipality to catch up with inflation. This year will be one of those catch-up years. We encourage you to participate in the Annual Town Meeting, it is your money and your vote matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pallotta, Chairman

## **MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT - 2022**

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2022 was our third full year of operation. It continues to be a great success. Over 80 percent of residents use our Broadband service. We operate the network jointly with the WiredWest Coop, so bookkeeping and day to day operational matters are handled by the Coop. I attend regular monthly or bi monthly meetings to oversee finances and other matters. We contract with Whip City Fiber, a division of Westfield Gas and Electric, to handle ISP and Network Operation services for member towns. We receive distribution of excess revenue from WiredWest. These have been enough to fund our Depreciation Reserve to make

sure we have cash on hand when equipment needs replacing. We are also building up reserve cash for emergencies or new projects that may come up.

We've been working together with neighboring towns on designing a shared backhaul network that would create multiple paths to multiple Backhaul services. That would protect us against whole towns going down from a single downed line. There are technical and contractual / cost sharing challenges. In 2022 we negotiated a cost sharing contract with 4 adjacent towns, which will reduce our costs as well as provide more resilient backhaul. Together, we also signed a contract with Whip City Fiber to design and build the necessary network per our technical specifications. We had been reserving some funds from the network construction project to cover the cost, but Colrain was able to procure a state grant that looks like it will cover the cost of the shared backhaul network for all five towns. The project is underway, and we hope it will be complete in the first quarter of 2023.

In 2022, we completed the environmental monitoring and alarm system for the equipment hut. We covered the cost with leftover balance in the Broadband construction fund, but also the Town's ARPA allocation can be used to reimburse this.

These development projects have taken a lot of my time. Soon, once the shared backhaul network is up and running, things should settle down to routine ongoing operations.

I am need of assistant as backup for managing the MLP and alternate delegate for WiredWest. The current Deputy MLP Manager and WiredWest alternate delegate have not had time. Routine operation does not require a lot of hours, but it is very important to have someone who knows the technical, financial and organizational aspects of operations well enough to fill in when emergencies come up, or I cannot be available. Also, I'd like to gradually bring someone up to speed well enough to take over when I retire. So, it should preferably be someone who is younger and intends to live in Rowe. At the time of writing this, I am in the Himalayas, and Brooke Shulda has volunteered to look after the MLP in my absence. I'm hoping she'll continue and take on more responsibility, but if not, then I need to find someone else.

Respectfully submitted,

David Dvore, Broadband MLP Manager

For customer service, call 1-833-991-9378

For tech support at (833) 923-9378 or email to [techsupport@wiredwestfiber.net](mailto:techsupport@wiredwestfiber.net) .



## PLANNING BOARD - 2022

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**Membership:** Membership throughout 2022 remained unchanged, with Chuck Sokol running for a full five-year term at the annual election in May. Later in the year the Board reorganized with Ben Werner becoming chair and Paul McLatchy III moving to Ben's old position of Vice-Chair.

**Zoning Bylaw Review:** In the early part of the year the Board reviewed a handful of zoning bylaw change recommendations and voted to hold a public hearing to present them to voters. Though most of the legal requirements were met, it was noticed not long before the hearing that the newspaper advertisement had not run for a sufficient period of time for the hearing to be in compliance with state law. Therefore, the Board notified the public at the hearing that while it was a great opportunity to obtain feedback, it would not satisfy the legal requirements to bring the proposals to town meeting. Due to the advertising requirements, it was not realistic to try to hold the hearings again before the annual town meeting. Zoning bylaw review did not occur much after the summer.

**Other Activities:** Later in the year, due to conflicting/busy schedules of members and an inactive Board member who has not attended a meeting since 2020, meetings generally focused on urgent business and approving minutes. No special permit applications were received in 2022. One approval-not-required (ANR) was signed off by the Planning Board for Fletcher Clark on Dell Road. The Board submitted a request to include adoption of the "Mullins Rule", which allows for permit granting authorities to let a member miss up to one session of a hearing and still vote, provided they certify in writing they have examined all evidence and listened to a recording of the meeting. Prior to this if a member missed a hearing session, they would be ineligible to vote. This article was approved by voters at the annual town meeting.

**Future:** The zoning bylaw review process is a long and tedious process, but an important one. We encourage voters to get involved with the Planning Board and to even consider serving as one of the five members. With one member inactive and another member that moved from town in early 2023, the Board will need help from community members to get this vital work done.

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

*Paul McLatchy III, Chair*

Benjamin Werner, Vice-Chair

Charles Sokol, Clerk/Secretary

Jessica Albrecht

Daniel Burke

## TOWN CLERK – 2022

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### Town Clerk Personnel & Services

Paul McLatchy remained town clerk throughout 2022, and Terry Green served as assistant town clerk until stepping down later in the year. No appointment was made to fill the position by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The town clerk's office offers notary services to town residents for no fee, though certain types of documents are not done (wills, real estate transactions, power of attorney, etc.). Justice of the Peace services are available at no cost for informal marriage ceremonies at town hall.

### 2022 Elections

2022 saw three elections: the May annual election, a September State Primary, and the November State Election. The May election had an unusually low turn out, and there were a few races determined by write-in votes. However, most positions had been filled by appointment at the end of the year.

The state primary and election both went well. This year the state made voting by mail permanent and sent applications by mail to all registered voters. While not as high as 2020 levels, many voters elected (no pun intended) to utilize this option to vote. This will continue in future state elections and will be made available in town elections unless the town decides to opt out. Thank you to all the election tellers who helped out this year, as well as officers who helped to oversee the elections.

### Office Updates & 2023 Goals

Digitization of the office slowed down slightly in 2022. Records continue to be scanned, though not with the same speed as before due to increased workload with two additional elections. Town meeting records have been scanned back to the 80s, and birth and death certificates are scanned back to the 90s.

The conflict of interest/ethics training paperwork continues to be updated, with a large number updating their paperwork in 2022. Moving forward in 2023 the state will be switching to an online reporting system, making it simpler for town employees and officials to report that they have completed their mandatory training, and easier for the clerk to keep track.

### Appreciation

Thank you to my three registrars: Lisa Danek Burke, Kerri McLatchy, and Brittani Sprague for working with me to process nomination and ballot question papers. There was a higher-than-normal workload due to the state elections with ballot questions and initiatives. Thanks to Janice Boudreau and Brooke Shulda for helping with administrative tasks and obtaining supplies.

### Statistics/Information

#### Fees Collected

Dog Licenses .....	\$520.00	(82)
Vital Records .....	\$175.00	(43)
Marriage Intentions .....	\$40.00	(02)
Business Licenses .....	\$5.00	(01)
<u>Public Record Requests.....</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(11)</u>
Total Fees Collected .....	\$735.00	

**Resignations:**

Karen Soviecke, Library Trustee (05/19/22, Declined Seat)  
Christopher Hyytinen, Finance Committee (07/07/22)  
Christopher Hyytinen, Park Commission (08/16/22)

**Business Licenses Issued**

Julie Moran  
DBA Julie Moran Photography  
11 Hazelton Road  
Issued April 7, 2022

**VITALS**

Massachusetts General Law prohibits release of information for persons under 17 without parental permission.

**Births:**

Harley Rose Willis – February 20, 2022  
Born to Jasmyne Ostrowski and Austin Willis

Otto Manzer Boyd – October 6, 2022  
Born to Ashley and Ian Boyd

**Deaths:**

Raymond Gallo  
Born: October 22, 1953  
Died: January 25, 2022

Stanley Zielonka  
Born: February 21, 1942  
Died: March 20, 2022

Jane Stetson  
Born: October 2, 1930  
Died: April 4, 2022

Mary Lenth  
Born: January 15, 1930  
Died: May 5, 2022

Angela Fraley Foshay  
Born: January 9, 1924  
Died: April 28, 2022

Margaret Rice  
Born: January 22, 1947  
Died: June 27, 2022

Kristen Swenson  
Born: November 13, 1947  
Died: August 2, 2022

Norma Denson  
Born: August 2, 1962  
Died: August 5, 2022

Albert Williams  
Born: February 13, 1956  
Died: December 27, 2022

### Marriages

Thomas Lee Chiofalo  
Scott Martin Hamner  
Intentions Filed: June 30, 2022  
Date of Marriage: July 23, 2022  
Married in: Rowe, MA

Travis Donald Betit  
Maria Rose Deblois  
Intentions Filed: August 12, 2022  
Date of Marriage: September 3, 2022  
Married in: Heath, MA

## **TOWN CLERK – APPOINTEES SWORN TO DUTY - 2022**

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### **ACCOUNTANT**

David Fierro, Jr.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARDS**

Brooke Shulda

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Ramon Sanchez

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Relief**

Henry Dandeneau

### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Paul McLatchy III – Head Registrar

Lisa Danek Burke

Kerri McLatchy

Brittani Sprague

### **CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND REP**

Carol Lively

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Robert Clancy

Virginia Gabert

Ramon Sanchez

Dana Williams

Vacant

### **CONSTABLE**

Rob Beaumier

### **COOP PUB HEALTH OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Herb Butzke

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Ashley Boyd

Loretta Dionne

BJ Roche

Susan Tomlinson (resigned 10/22/2022)

### **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Robin Booth

Barbara Gottesman

Kelle Quist

BJ Roche

Paulette Roccio

Vacant

### **DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

Lance Larned

### **ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS**

Loretta Dionne (Election Warden)

Paul McLatchy Jr.

BJ Roche

Susan Tomlinson

Ramon Sanchez (Election Warden)

Dan Wessman

Dana Williams

Susan Williams

Doug Wilson

### **EMERGENCY MGT. DIRECTOR**

**Community Emergency Response Coord.**

**Hazardous Materials Control Officer**

Dennis Annear

### **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

Lance Larned

### **FIELD DRIVERS**

Ed Silva

Chuck Sokol

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Dennis Annear

### **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Brandon A. Sprague

### **FC COOP INSPECTION PROGRAM REP**

Janice Boudreau

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVTS. REP**

Janice Boudreau

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD REP**

Paul McLatchy III

**FC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REP**

Dan Poplawski

**FC TRANSIT AUTHORITY REP**

Paul McLatchy III

Jasper Lapienski, Commuter Rep.

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

James Hawkins –FCCIP

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS – LOCAL INSPECTOR**

Jeff Gougeon

**KEEPER OF THE DAMS**

Henry Dandeneau

Julie Shippee (Alternate)

**MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Thomas P. Danek, Jr

Robert Rice

**MOHAWK WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP REP**

Hannah Poplawski

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT**

David Dvore, Manager

Chuck Sokol, Deputy Manager

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Vacant

**POLICE/SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Kyle Shippee – resigned

Francis Noyes

**POUND KEEPER**

Vacant

**SUPERINTENDENT of INSECT, PEST, ELM  
DISEASE CONTROL**

Lance Larned

**TOWN NURSE**

Appointed by Board of Health

Rachel Lewis

**TOWN COUNSEL**

KP Law – Jeffrey Blake, Esq.

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

Appointed by Board of Health

Robert Beaumier

**TREASURER**

Terry Green

**TREE WARDEN**

Lance Larned

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Brian Brooks – Veterans Service Officer

**WIREDWEST DELEGATE**

David Dvore

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Henry Dandeneau

Gail May

Ellynn Packard

Kim Gabert

Michael Bradley

## ELECTION RESULTS - STATE PRIMARY ELECTION 2022

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Town of Rowe, Massachusetts  
State Primary Election  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
Tuesday September 6, 2022  
94 Votes Cast / 324 Total Registered Voters  
29.0% Turnout

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**Warden:** Ramon Luis Sanchez  
**Clerks:** Lauren Werner, Loretta Dionne  
**Constable:** Henry Dandeneau  
**Tellers:** Christine Bailey, Susan Tomlinson, Douglas Wilson, Barbara Roche, Daniel Wessman,  
Paul McLatchy Jr., Dana Williams

### **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – 68 Votes**

#### **Governor**

Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz ..... 10  
Maura Healey ..... 58  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

#### **Lieutenant Governor**

Kimberley Driscoll..... 14  
Tami Gouveia..... 15  
Eric Lesser..... 39  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

#### **Attorney General**

Andrea Joy Campbell..... 23  
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan . 28  
Quentin Palfrey ..... 15  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 2

#### **Secretary of State**

William Francis Galvin ..... 45  
Tanisha Sullivan..... 23  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

#### **Treasurer**

Deborah B. Goldberg ..... 62

Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....6

#### **Auditor**

Christopher S. Dempsey .....31  
Diana DiZoglio .....34  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....3

#### **Representative in Congress**

Richard E. Neal .....58  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....10

#### **Councillor**

Shawn P. Allyn .....15  
Michael Anthony Fenton .....5  
Tara J. Jacobs .....29  
Jeffrey S. Morneau.....12  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....7

#### **Senator in General Court**

Paul W. Mark .....55  
Huff Tyler Templeton, III .....12  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....1

#### **Representative in General Court**

Natalie M. Blais .....63

Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 5

**District Attorney**

David E. Sullivan ..... 62  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 6

**Sheriff**

Christopher J. Donelan ..... 64  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 4

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – 26 Votes**

**Governor**

Geoff Diehl..... 14  
Chris Doughty ..... 12  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

**Lieutenant Governor**

Leah V. Allen ..... 15  
Kate Campanale ..... 11  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

**Attorney General**

James R. McMahon, III..... 24  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 2

**Secretary of State**

Rayla Campbell..... 23  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 25

Blanks .....3

**Treasurer**

Write-Ins .....2  
Blanks .....24

**Auditor**

Anthony Amore .....23  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....3

**Representative in Congress**

Dean James Martilli .....23  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....3

**Councillor**

John M. Comerford.....23  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....3

**Senator in General Court**

Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....26

**Representative in General Court**

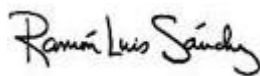
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....26

**District Attorney**

Write-Ins .....1  
Blanks .....25

**Sheriff**

Write-Ins .....1



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Ramon Luis Sanchez, Warden

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ELECTION RESULTS - STATE GENERAL ELECTION 2022

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Town of Rowe, Massachusetts  
State General Election  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
Tuesday November 8, 2022  
213 Votes Cast / 326 Total Registered Voters  
65.3% Turnout

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**Warden:** Ramon Luis Sanchez  
**Clerk:** Lauren Werner  
**Constable:** Henry Dandeneau  
**Tellers:** Christine Bailey, Susan Tomlinson, Barbara Roche, Daniel Wessman, Paul McLatchy Jr.,  
Dana Williams, Loretta Dionne

## **Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

Diehl and Allen ..... 87  
Healey and Driscoll..... 123  
Reed and Everett ..... 0  
Write-Ins ..... 1  
Blanks..... 2

## **Attorney General**

Andrea Joy Campbell ..... 118  
James R. McMahon III..... 92  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 3

## **Secretary of State**

William Francis Galvin ..... 126  
Rayla Campbell..... 83  
Juan Sanchez ..... 4  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 0

## **Treasurer**

Deborah B. Goldberg ..... 131  
Cristina Crawford..... 47  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 35

## **Auditor**

Anthony Amore..... 94  
Diana DiZoglio..... 105  
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca..... 6  
Dominic Giannone III ..... 2

Daniel Riek .....1  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....5

## **Representative in Congress**

Richard E. Neal .....119  
Dean James Martilli .....87  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....7

## **Councillor**

John M. Comerford .....94  
Tara J. Jacobs .....113  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....6

## **Senator in General Court**

Paul W. Mark .....129  
Brendan M. Phair .....48  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....36

## **Representative in General Court**

Natalie M. Blais .....138  
Write-Ins .....1  
Blanks .....74

## **District Attorney**

David E. Sullivan .....141  
Write-Ins .....0  
Blanks .....72

**Sheriff**

Christopher J. Donelan ..... 150  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 63

**Council of Governments Executive  
Committee**

Jane M. Pierce ..... 150  
Write-Ins ..... 0  
Blanks..... 63

**Question #1 – Income Tax**

Yes ..... 121  
No..... 81  
Blanks..... 11

**Question #2 – Dental Insurance**

Yes .....128  
No.....71  
Blanks .....14

**Question #3 – Alcohol Licenses**

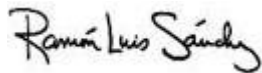
Yes .....95  
No.....108  
Blanks .....10

**Question #4 – Drivers Licenses**

Yes .....105  
No.....99  
Blanks .....9

**Question #5 – Carbon Fee (Non-Binding)**

Yes .....90  
No.....103  
Blanks .....20



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Ramon Luis Sanchez, Warden

November 9, 2022

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul McLatchy III

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Rowe Town Clerk

## ELECTED OFFICIALS 2022-2023

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All officials serve three-year terms, except for Planning Board, whose members serve five-year terms.

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick Williams, Chair ..... 2023  
Herbert Butzke..... 2025  
Ellen Miller ..... 2024

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Herbert Butzke, Chair ..... 2024  
Daniel Poplawski..... 2023  
Joanne Semanie..... 2025\*

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Sokol, Chair ..... 2024  
Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair..... 2023  
Edward Silva..... 2025

#### CEMETERY COMMISSION

James Williams, Chair ..... 2025  
Joanne Semanie ..... 2023  
Jay Williams..... 2024

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Pallotta, Chair ..... 2023  
Loretta Dionne ..... 2023  
Lauren Werner..... 2024  
Marilyn Wilson ..... 2023\*  
Wayne Zavotka, ..... 2024

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Rebecca Bradley ..... 2023  
Catherine Snyder ..... 2024  
Lauren Werner..... 2025\*

#### PARK COMMISSION

Laurie Pike ..... 2023  
Christopher Hyytinen..... 2022  
Hannah Poplawski ..... 2021

#### PLANNING BOARD

Paul McLatchy III, Chair ..... 2026  
Benjamin Werner, Vice-Chair..... 2024  
Chuck Sokol, Clerk..... 2027  
Jessica Albrecht..... 2025  
Daniel J. Burke ..... 2023

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Susan Zavotka, Chair..... 2023  
Matt Crowningshield ..... 2024  
Mary Paige..... 2025

### **OFFICERS:**

#### MODERATOR

Robert Clancy..... 2025

#### CONSTABLE

Henry Dandeneau..... 2023

#### TOWN CLERK

Paul McLatchy III..... 2023

*\*Appointed to fill a vacancy until 2023 Annual Town Election*

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 2022

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Town of Rowe, Massachusetts  
Annual Town Election  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
Saturday, May 14, 2022  
42 Votes Cast / 322 Total Registered Voters  
13.0% Turnout

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**Warden:** Ramon Luis Sanchez  
**Clerk:** Loretta Dionne  
**Constable:** Henry Dandeneau  
**Tellers:** Christine Bailey  
Jeffrey Bailey

## **Board of Assessors**

Herbert Butzke ..... 34  
Robin Booth (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks..... 7

## **Board of Health**

Margaret Rice..... 33  
Kevin Sprague (WI) ..... 1  
Susan Gleason (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks..... 7

## **Board of Selectmen**

Edward Silva (WI) ..... 21  
Christine Bailey (WI)..... 1  
Earl Carlow (WI)..... 1  
Henry Dandeneau (WI) ..... 1  
Paul McLatchy III (WI) ..... 1  
Danette Reynolds (WI) ..... 1  
Dawn Valitsky-Beaumier (WI) ..... 1  
Frederick Williams (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks..... 14

## **Cemetery Commission**

James H. Williams ..... 39  
Blanks..... 3

## **Finance Committee – 3 Years**

Lauren Werner (WI)..... 10  
Daniel Pallotta (WI) ..... 5  
Marilyn Wilson (WI)..... 2  
Herbert Butzke (WI) ..... 1  
Heidi Cousineau (WI) ..... 1

Michael Laffond (WI).....1  
Karen Markert (WI) .....1  
Dawn Valitsky-Beaumier (WI) .....1  
Douglas Wilson (WI).....1  
Blanks .....19

## **Finance Committee – 2 Years**

Wayne Zavotka .....36  
William Baker (WI) .....1  
Blanks .....5

## **Finance Committee – 1 Year**

Daniel Pallotta (WI) .....5  
Lauren Werner (WI) .....4  
Marilyn Wilson (WI) .....3  
Carol Lively (WI) .....1  
Jennifer Morse (WI).....1  
Danette Reynolds (WI) .....1  
Robert Silva (WI).....1  
Susan Tomlinson (WI).....1  
Blanks .....25

## **Library Trustee**

Karen Soviecke .....29  
Lauren Werner .....13  
Blanks .....0

## **Moderator**

Robert Clancy .....38  
Henry Dandeneau (WI).....1  
Blanks .....3

**Park Commission**

Christopher Hyytinen (WI) ... 13  
Laurie Pike (WI) ..... 2  
Herbert Butzke (WI) ..... 1  
Lisa Danek Burke (WI) ..... 1  
Debra Miller (WI) ..... 1  
Lauren Werner (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 23

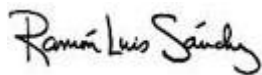
Susan Gleason (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 5

**School Committee**

Mary Paige ..... 34  
Lisa Danek Burke (WI) ..... 1  
Ellen Miller (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 6

**Planning Board**

Charles Sokol ..... 36



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Paul McLatchy III

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Rowe Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS – JANUARY 29, 2022**

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM  
Rowe Fire Station

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Selectman Edward Silva

The Special Town Meeting was held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Rowe Fire Station, located at 4 Sibley Road. Due to the temperature, the meeting was relocated from the parking lot to inside the vehicle bay.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately seventeen (17) voters and one (1) guest. Moderator Clancy read out the warrant greeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$26,000 for the purchase of the Fire Department Quick Attack Rescue Vehicle.

*Note: Articles removing funds from stabilization accounts require a 2/3 majority vote.*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 2:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 2:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
February 1, 2022

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Rowe Town Clerk

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS – MAY 9, 2022**

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Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM  
Rowe Fire Station

<b>Moderator:</b>	Robert Clancy
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	Paul McLatchy III
<b>Board of Selectmen:</b>	Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	Chair Daniel Pallotta, Loretta Dionne, Wayne Zavotka
<b>Town Counsel:</b>	Jonathan Murray, Esq. – KP Law

A Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Rowe Fire Station, located at 4 Sibley Road.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately thirty (30) voters and five (5) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He

introduced State Representative Natalie Blais. Due to redistricting, Representative Blais will be gaining Rowe after the November election.

Moderator Clancy read out a brief greeting welcoming voters to the town meeting. Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments. No comments were made at this time. Moderator Clancy then read out the warrant greeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to move to Article 2, as there was a desire to recess the special town meeting until after the Annual Town Meeting, and then vote on Article 1 at that time.

***Motion to move to Article 2 resulted in a 14-14 tie. Moderator Clancy broke the tie by voting in the negative. Motion to move to Article 2 failed, 14-15.***

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$3,875 for the cleaning of the Pelham Lake Park Tennis Courts for 2022 Summer usage.

***Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous.***

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,800 for the Mill Pond and Pelham Lake Dam Inspections.

***Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous.***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 for the cost of repairs to the heating system at Rowe Town Hall.

***Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous.***

**ARTICLE 4:** To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

***No Business Was Brought Before the Meeting.***

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
May 14, 2021

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Rowe Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS – MAY 9, 2022

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Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
Rowe Fire Station

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva  
**Finance Committee:** Chair Daniel Pallotta, Loretta Dionne, Wayne Zavotka  
**Town Counsel:** Jonathan Murray, Esq. – KP Law

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Rowe Fire Station, located at 4 Sibley Road.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately thirty-nine (39) voters and five (5) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those who had passed since the last annual town meeting: Jean-Claude van Itallie, Brian Donelson, Julian Boyd, Stanley Zielonka, Raymond Gallo, Jane Stetson, Angela Fraley Foshay, James Davidson, and Mary “Betty” Lenth.

Moderator Clancy read out a brief greeting welcoming voters to the town meeting. He thanked town employees and officials for their work in getting town meeting ready and the Municipal Light Plant for ensuring high-speed internet availability during the pandemic. Both groups received a round of applause. He then informed voters of the rules of the meeting. Tellers were not appointed. Moderator Clancy asked for a sense of the meeting to permit certain department heads that are not registered voters to speak during the meeting. No objections were noted.

Assessors Chair Rick Williams spoke to the impact on FY23 taxes. If all articles were approved as presented on the warrant, taxes will increase approximately \$0.19 per thousand, or 3.5%. He noted that the real estate market is particularly volatile and that the town is in a reval year.

Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments. No comments were made at this time. Moderator Clancy then read out the warrant greeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to act on reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to authorize, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, the following sums for revolving funds:

Revolving Fund	Entity Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges, or Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses	Fiscal Years



				<b>Payable from Fund</b>	
Emergency Dispensing Site	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Emergency Dispensing Site Operations	Dispensing medicines or medical supplies during an emergency	Limit of \$1,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023
Recycling Program	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Recycling Program	Operation of solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products	Limit of \$5,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023
Vaccine Services	Board of Health	Receipts from Insurance Billing	Vaccine Services	Limit of \$6,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023
School Programs	School Committee	Fees for School Programs	Offset Department Costs of School Programs	Limit of \$10,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023
Old Home Day	Old Home Day Committee	Receipts Generated by Old Home Day Activities and Programs	Expenses of Old Home Day	Limit of \$2,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023

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Refuse Garden	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Refuse Garden Operations	Operation of the town Refuse Garden	Limit of \$5,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023 and Subsequent Years
Planning Board Legal/ Consulting	Planning Board	Receipts Related to Fees for Special Permits and Other Work of the Planning Board	Legal consultation and representation	Limit of \$50,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023 and Subsequent Years
Park Programs	Park Commission	Receipts Related to Park Programs	Operation of programs run by the Pelham Lake Park	Limit of \$2,000.00	Fiscal Year 2023 and Subsequent Years

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend federal and state grants as may be available.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to authorize the treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the 2023 fiscal year, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §53F.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums and to set the stipends/salary compensation for all elected officials of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41 §108, to be made effective from July 1, 2022:

**Elected Boards & Committees:**

Board of Assessors (3) .....	\$5,354.00
Board of Health (3) .....	\$4,938.00
Board of Selectmen (3) .....	\$5,928.00
School Committee (3) .....	\$4,564.00

**Elected Town Officers**

Constable.....	\$549.00
Moderator .....	\$439.00
Town Clerk .....	\$13,835.00

**TOTAL ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FROM TAXATION ..... \$35,607.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands, One (1) No Vote*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the sum of \$103,200 for the purpose of paying down principal on the broadband debt and interest on indebtedness for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for the conduct of general government, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Administration**

General Administration.....	\$129,672
Municipal Audit .....	\$8,000
Executive Secretary.....	\$56,227
Administrative Assistant to the Boards.....	\$42,033
Town Hall Custodian Wages .....	\$13,260
Custodian Expenses .....	\$4,775
Legal.....	\$8,000**
Tax Collector Legal Expense .....	\$10,000**
Tax Collector Salary .....	\$15,080
Tax Collector Operations .....	\$9,000
Treasurer Salary .....	\$45,240
Treasurer Operations.....	\$10,250
Assistant Town Clerk Stipend.....	\$1,200
Town Clerk Expenses .....	\$6,205
Conservation Commission .....	<del>\$1,180</del> \$1,880*
Council on Aging .....	\$3,800

Goal Post Editor Wages .....	\$6,432
Goal Post Operations .....	\$2,500
Veteran's Services.....	\$4,831
FRCOG Services.....	\$32,332
Town Accountant Salary.....	\$45,482
<u>Town Accountant Expenses.....</u>	<u>\$4,170</u>
Subtotal Administration .....	<del>\$459,669</del> \$460,369*

**Board of Assessors**

Assessors' Clerk Wages .....	\$13,000
Assessors' Reval/Annual Updates .....	\$28,600
<u>Assessors' Operations.....</u>	<u>\$7,950</u>
Subtotal Board of Assessors.....	\$49,550

**Planning Board**

Planning Board Operations .....	\$1,500
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**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION..... ~~\$510,719~~ \$511,419\***

*\*A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read "Conservation Commission- \$1,880".  
The motion to amend passed with one (1) no vote.*

*\*\*See Article 8 for Changes.*

*Article as Amended Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to have the Town vote to aggregate all funds appropriated for legal expenses, excluding Assessors Consultant/Legal Support, to one combined Town Legal Expense account.

*Motion Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the sum of \$20,000 to be used as a reserve fund, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, §6 for the extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for the operation and maintenance of public works and facilities for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Highway Department**

DPW Salaries and Wages.....	\$329,059
DPW Operations .....	\$221,915
<u>Winter Roads.....</u>	<u>\$68,612</u>
Subtotal Highway Department.....	\$619,586

Street Lighting.....	\$5,500
Municipal Light Plant Manager Stipend .....	\$7,400
<u>Dam Maintenance/Repair.....</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities.....	\$14,100

**Cemetery Commission**

Cemetery Operations.....	\$15,250
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**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION ..... \$648,936**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to appropriate from any available fund the sum of \$141,139 for the maintenance, repair, improvement, and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for public safety for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Police Department**

Police Salaries .....	\$65,041
Police Officer Training .....	\$3,325
<u>Police Operations .....</u>	<u>\$12,700</u>
Subtotal Police Department.....	\$81,066

**Fire Department**

Fire Department Stipends & Wages.....	\$36,671
<u>Fire Department Operations.....</u>	<u>\$46,500</u>
Subtotal Fire Department .....	\$83,171

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Stipends .....	\$3,864
Emergency Management Operations .....	\$1,000
<u>Generator Maintenance .....</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
Subtotal Emergency Management .....	\$8,364

**Animal Control and Inspection**

Animal Control Stipends.....	\$1,157
Animal Inspector Stipend.....	\$532
<u>Regional Dog Kennel.....</u>	<u>\$350</u>
Subtotal Animal Control .....	\$2,039

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION ..... \$174,640**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for public health for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Public Health**

Health Department Stipends and Wages ..... \$79,964  
Board of Health Operations ..... \$68,094

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH FROM TAXATION..... \$148,058**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for public schools for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Education**

Rowe School PreK-6 Operating Budget ..... \$1,173,281  
Rowe School Secondary 7-12 ..... \$516,370

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION ..... \$1,689,651**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for Rowe Town Library for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Rowe Town Library**

Library Wages ..... \$49,850  
Library Operations ..... \$25,477

**TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY FROM TAXATION ..... \$75,327**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Pelham Lake Park**

Park Wages ..... \$108,793  
Park Operations ..... \$22,550

**TOTAL PELHAM LAKE PARK FROM TAXATION..... \$131,343**

*Passed by Show of Hands, One (1) No Vote*

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the sum of \$500 for Beautification.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the following sums for pensions and insurance for the 2023 Fiscal Year:

**Pensions and Insurance**

Franklin County Retirement Assessment.....	\$160,749
Unemployment Insurance .....	\$20,000
Group Health/Dental/Life Insurance.....	\$620,000
Medicare Tax – Town Share .....	\$27,000

**TOTAL PENSIONS AND INSURANCE FROM TAXATION ..... \$827,749**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the following sums for special projects:

<b>PARK</b>	(To purchase and equip) UTV/Accessories .....	\$36,000
<b>ASSESSORS</b>	Consultant/Legal Support .....	\$50,000

**TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS FROM FREE CASH ..... \$86,000**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$8,000 for the town's share of the purchase price of a Mini Excavator for the Park Department contingent on the balance being received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from taxation the sum of \$25,000 to pay the Franklin County Retirement System in addition to the annual assessment.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to borrow the sum of \$1,850,000 for the purpose of resurfacing various public roadways, said funds are to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose.

*Note: Borrowing requires a 2/3 majority vote at a Town Meeting.*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Three (3) No Votes. Moderator declared 2/3 threshold met.*

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to borrow the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of various capital improvements at the Rowe School, said funds are to be expended at the direction of the School Committee.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to appropriate the funds from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Motion to amend passed by show of hands, with one (1) no vote.*

*Note: Appropriations from Stabilization Funds Requires a 2/3 Majority.*

*Motion as Amended Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous.  
Moderator declared 2/3 threshold met.*

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to borrow the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of Rehabilitating a Tennis Court at Pelham Park, said funds to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Park Department.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to appropriate the funds from the Capital Stabilization Fund. Motion to amend passed by show of hands, with two (2) no votes.*

*Note: Appropriations from Stabilization Funds Requires a 2/3 Majority.*

*Motion as Amended Passed by Show of Hands, with five (5) no votes.  
Moderator declared 2/3 threshold met.*

**ARTICLE 25:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$174,427 to the General Stabilization Fund and transfer the sum of \$58,142 to the OPEB Stabilization Fund.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Six (6) No Votes.*

**ARTICLE 26:** A motion was made and seconded to amend Article III, Section 5 of the Town's General Bylaws by replacing existing language with the following:

Section 5: Treasurer-Collector

- a. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a treasurer-collector for a term of three years, who shall be bonded, and who shall have all powers and duties under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41.
- b. The treasurer-collector may, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, appoint an assistant treasurer-collector in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, §39A.
- c. The treasurer-collector shall retain all Municipal Lien Certificate fees as payment for his/her personal services.

*A motion was made and seconded to amend the article by striking sub-section c from the proposed bylaw amendment. The motion to amend passed by show of hands, with two (2) no votes.*

*The Motion as Amended Passed by Show of Hands, With Two (2) No Votes.*

**ARTICLE 27:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a permanent easement from Jonathan A. Lively and Carol F. Lively, or the current owner, on property located at Petrie Road, which property is identified as Assessor's Parcel 407 0 020, described in a deed recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 5956, Page 223, for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining and repairing equipment, wires, cables, conduits, and other appurtenances for the transmission of telecommunications and intelligence for a fiber optic internet network system, including an underground conduit having a length of 550 feet, more or less, in the approximate location shown on a plan, on file with the Town Clerk, which easement shall be on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate.

***Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous***

**ARTICLE 28:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following language as Article 29:

**PROHIBITION AGAINST THE BURNING OF STRUCTURES**

**Section 1: Purpose**

Public and private entities, including fire departments and fire training academies, have historically engaged in the practice of intentionally setting fire to abandoned and donated structures for the purpose of conducting training or research in fire protection or prevention. While this practice may provide some benefit to new and existing members of fire departments and fire training academies, the intentionally burning of structures poses a serious risk to air pollution (310 CMR 7.07), public safety, and sensitive populations, including nursing homes, rest homes, schools, residences of people with respiratory problems, and bed ridden individuals. This practice also increases the financial liability of the Town because of possible property damage from spreading fire, the increase in respiratory health risks, and the associated costs of the discharge and cleanup of hazardous wastes and materials. The purpose of this bylaw is to minimize the financial, environmental, health, and safety risks associated with the intentional burning of structures.

**Section 2: Prohibition**

No person or entity, public or private, shall intentionally set fire to, or cause, suffer, allow, or permit the opening burning of any structure within the Town for the purpose of training or research in fire protection or prevention.

**Section 3: Exemptions**

This Bylaw shall not apply to:

- A. The open burning of a structure for the purpose of combating or backfiring an existing fire by persons affiliated with an official firefighting agency.
- B. The demolition burning of a structure authorized by a forest warden, fire chief, or fire commissioner, as the case may be, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 48, Section 13. However, no person or entity shall use the issuance of a demolition burning permit as a pretext to avoid compliance with Section 2 herein.

**Section 4: Enforcement**

The Board of Selectmen shall enforce this bylaw by filing a complaint or request for injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

***A motion was made and seconded to table Article 28.  
The motion to table passed by show of hands, unanimous.***



**ARTICLE 29:** A motion was made and seconded to adopt a new bylaw under Article III, Section 12 of the Town's General Bylaws:

Any individual appointed to a position that has not been sworn in by the Town Clerk, Moderator, or a Justice of the Peace within 60 days of their appointment shall be deemed to have declined the position.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 30:** A motion was made and seconded to accept Chapter 39, Section 23D of the Massachusetts General Laws, commonly referred to as the 'Mullin Rule', as follows:

*Section 23D: Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification*

*Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.*

*(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section.*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 31:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III reminded voters of the election this coming Saturday, to be held at the school from 10:00-2:00, and that there were multiple open seats on the ballot with no candidate: Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee (3 Years), Finance Committee (1 Year), and Park Commission.
- Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner, noted that Commissioner Christopher Hyytinen, who did not take out nomination papers, would be willing to accept another term on the Commission if written in.
- Susan Tomlinson suggested the town reconsider and reexamine the concept of a community center, as there is currently no place for seniors to meet with the Gracy House closed.
- Mary Paige asked about whether the town has a dedicated facilities manager- someone who keeps track of the public buildings and inspects them on a regular basis. The Board of Selectmen indicated there wasn't.
- Selectman Edward Silva, who did not take out nomination papers, said he would be willing to serve another term if written in.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
May 14, 2021

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rowe Town Clerk

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS – NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

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Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
Rowe Elementary School

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva

The Special Town Meeting was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Rowe Elementary School, located at 86 Pond Road.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately twenty-four (24) voters and four (4) guests. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Clancy then read out the rules of the meeting and the warrant greeting. Tellers were not appointed.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, on behalf of the Town of Rowe, to negotiate and enter into payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreement(s) for a term of 5 years with the owner/lessee/operator of the following hydroelectric energy generating facilities and associated properties located in Rowe:

- **Bear Swamp Power Company - Bear Swamp/Fife Brook**
  - Personal Property Acct 2
  - Personal Property Acct 410
  - Map 406 Lot 03
  - Map 411 Lot 05
  - Map 411 Lot 06
  - Map 411 Lot 10
  - Map 411 Lot 11
  - Map 411 Lot 15

- Map 411 Lot 21
- Map 411 Lot 38
- Map 411 Lot 39
- Map 412 Lot 01
- Map 412 Lot 05

● **Great River Hydro – Deerfield No. 5 & Sherman Station**

- Personal Property Acct 1
- Map 401 Lot 01
- Map 401 Lot 02
- Map 401 Lot 06
- Map 401 Lot 07
- Map 401 Lot 08
- Map 401 Lot 10
- Map 404 Lot 22
- Map 405 Lot 01
- Map 405 Lot 02
- Map 405 Lot 03
- Map 405 Lot 04
- Map 405 Lot 05

upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to vote to (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the fee to and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over certain parcels of land located on or near the Cyrus Stage Road Bridge and approximately shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Cyrus Stage Road Bridge No. R-10-008 in the Town of Rowe Franklin County,” prepared by GM2 Associates, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of a bridge, rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other structures and/or appurtenances, to enable the Town to undertake the Cyrus Stage Road Bridge Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of the portions of the Town-owned properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for said bridge purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to said purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Select Board to submit petitions to the General Court to permit the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further, (d) authorize

the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes.

*Note: 2/3 Majority Vote Required*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 3:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III reminded voters of the early voting session this evening and encouraged those who hadn't voted yet to vote in next week's election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
November 9, 2022

## PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - 2022

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PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - Office of Jury Commissioner {M.G.L Chapter 234a}

<b>Acuff, Douglas M</b>	PO BOX 300	M	IBM
<b>ALBRECHT, Jessica C</b>	122 DAVENPORT RD	F	
<b>Angstadt, Rebecca A</b>	19 STONE RD		
<b>ARNEY, Dave</b>	131 ZOAR RD		ENGINEER
<b>ASH, Brian S</b>	6 PINE HILL DR	M	MATERIALS HANDLER
<b>ASH, Laurie L</b>	6 PINE HILL DR	F	USPS CLERK
<b>ATWOOD, Kathleen A</b>	PO Box 272	F	TEACHER
<b>ATWOOD, Ronald</b>	48 POND RD		RETIRED
<b>AVALONE, Robert J</b>	37 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	MUSICIAN
<b>AVERY, Linda E</b>	276 ZOAR RD	F	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
<b>BAILEY, Christine A</b>	29 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>BAILEY, Jeffrey A</b>	29 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	HEAD CUSTODIAN
<b>BAILEY, Taylor S</b>	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD		
<b>BAKER, Nicholas W</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	M	SAINT LAWRENCE UN
<b>BAKER, Roberta M</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	F	TEACHER
<b>BAKER, William J</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	M	BUSINESSMAN
<b>BALDWIN, John D</b>	30 POTTER RD	M	CONSULTANT
<b>BEAUMIER, Christie</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
<b>BJORK, Timothy J</b>	42 LESHURE RD	M	
<b>BOOTH, Robin</b>	194 LESHURE RD	F	NURSE
<b>BOUTWELL, Rebecca S</b>	7 POTTER RD	F	RETAIL MANAGEMENT
<b>BOUTWELL-SWOPE, Kristah R</b>	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	F	CNA
<b>BOYD, Ashley M</b>	5 STONE RD	F	PHYSICAL THERAPY DOC.
<b>BOYD, IAN M</b>	5 STONE RD	M	EXECUTIVE CHEF
<b>BOYD, Robert J</b>	11 HAZELTON RD	M	UNKNOWN
<b>BRADLEY, Kenneth F</b>	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	AUDIO ENGINEER
<b>BRADLEY, REBECCA P</b>	51 MIDDLETOWN RD	F	B&B OWNER
<b>BRENNEMAN, Caleb D</b>	PO BOX 473		
<b>BRINES, Courtenay M</b>	189 POTTER RD		VETERINARIAN
<b>BROWN, Christopher M</b>	110 COUNTY RD	M	LOGGER
<b>BROWN, Reed E</b>	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	DELIVERY DRIVER
<b>BURKE, Daniel J</b>	465 TUNNEL RD	M	EVNRNMNTL ENG
<b>BURKE, Daniel T</b>	465 TUNNEL RD	M	MECH ENGINEER
<b>BURKE, Ryan P</b>	465 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
<b>CHIOFALO, Thomas</b>	87 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
<b>CIRINNA, Geoffrey T</b>	PO BOX 322	M	MECHANIC
<b>CLANCY, Liam R</b>	12 COUNTY RD	M	STUDENT
<b>CLANCY, Robert J</b>	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	RETIRED
<b>CLANCY, Sean M</b>	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	STUDENT
<b>COLUMBUS, Peter J</b>	PO BOX 825	M	WRITER
<b>COMPO, Cameron J</b>	PO BOX 274		UNEMPLOYED
<b>COULOMBE, Dean R</b>	39 STONE HILL RD	M	TREE SERVICE
<b>COULOMBE, Mackenzi B</b>	39 STONE HILL RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>COUSINEAU, Bailey R</b>	17 POTTER RD	F	COLL/SIP/SKI
<b>COUSINEAU, Heidi</b>	PO BOX 1001	F	CHHA/PCA/CNA
<b>COWIE, Bruce W</b>	487 TUNNEL RD	M	GRAPHIC DESIGNER
<b>COWIE, Janet L</b>	487 TUNNEL RD	F	DIRECTOR
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Andrea M</b>	245 ZOAR RD	F	
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Brian C</b>	PO BOX 466		

<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Debra A</b>	450 TUNNEL RD	F	OFFICE MANAGER
<b>CROWNINSHIELD, Jillian</b>	245 ZOAR RD	f	TECH
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Jocelyn N</b>	245 ZOAR RD	F	
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Matthew R</b>	16 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ROWEHWYCREW
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Steven R</b>	450 TUNNEL RD	M	CARPENTER
<b>DANDENEAU, Henry J</b>	PO BOX 282	M	RETIRED
<b>DANEK JR, Thomas P</b>	39 CROSS RD	F	EXCAVTR
<b>DANEK, Helen E</b>	39 CROSS RD	F	HOMEMAKER
<b>DANEK-BURKE, Lisa A</b>	465 Tunnel Rd	F	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
<b>DECKER, David J</b>	54 FORD HILL RD		SELF EMPLOYED
<b>DEMAREY, Matthew T</b>	37 STEEL BROOK RD		
<b>DEMECH, Brianna E</b>	162 ZOAR RD	F	FINANCE
<b>DENSON, Michael A</b>	100 LESHURE RD	M	MECHANIC
<b>DERY, Mollie R</b>	32 SHIPPEE RD		
<b>DUVAL, Jenalyn C</b>	65 POTTER RD		
<b>DUVAL, Mark A</b>	65 POTTER RD		
<b>DZURILLA, Timothy P</b>	22 KINGS HWY	M	
<b>EMERSON, Brandon S</b>	194 LESHURE RD		
<b>FISHER, Barbara</b>	17 LESHURE RD		
<b>FISHER, Charles</b>	17 LESHURE RD		
<b>FOBERG, Kirsten E</b>	160 HAZELTON RD	F	
<b>GABERT, Kimberly A</b>	144 LESHURE RD	F	LIBRARIAN
<b>GALLAGHAR, Enid E</b>	97 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	STUDENT
<b>GARY, Virginia P</b>	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	RETIRED
<b>GOTTESMAN, Barbara A</b>	PO BOX 470	F	RETIRED
<b>GREICO, Ann L</b>	PO BOX 461	F	AT HOME
<b>GREICO, Richard N</b>	PO BOX 461	M	RETIRED
<b>HAMILTON, Richard A</b>	34 STONE HILL RD	M	
<b>HARRIS, Scott A</b>	22 KINGS HWY		COMMUNITY MGR
<b>HEILIGMANN, Katherine S</b>	71 CROSS RD	F	RETIRED
<b>HETTLINGER, Sarah A</b>	PO BOX 3023	F	POTTER
<b>HICKS, Amy</b>	86 FORD HILL RD	F	
<b>HOUGHTALING, Melissa A</b>	14 TUNNEL RD	F	UNEMPLOYED
<b>HOUGHTALING, NEVIN T</b>	14 TUNNEL RD	M	MOHAWK
<b>HOUGHTALING, Thomas A</b>	14 TUNNEL RD	M	CONSTRUCTION
<b>HUMBERT, Anna J</b>	530 TUNNEL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>HUMBERT, Dennis A</b>	530 TUNNEL RD	M	RETIRED
<b>HYYTINEN, Christopher S</b>	65 HAZELTON RD	M	POLICE OFFICER
<b>HYYTINEN, Tabitha J</b>	65 HAZELTON RD	F	
<b>JACKSON, Lisa M</b>	88 HAZELTON RD	F	TEACHER
<b>JOLLY, Russel W</b>	19 STONE RD	M	CONSULTANT
<b>KATZ, Rebecca</b>	80 DAVENPORT RD	F	COUNSELOR
<b>KATZ, Rebecca L</b>	PO BOX 3023	F	STUDENT
<b>KICHOROWSKY, Roman M</b>	78 HAZELTON RD		
<b>KILLOUGH-MILLER, Aria R</b>	PO BOX 273	F	REGISTRAR
<b>KRUMM, Justine S</b>	294 DAVIS MINE RD		ARMY
<b>KUEHL, Andrew</b>	43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	EMPLOYED
<b>KUEHL, Mike W</b>	36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	HVAC/R TECH
<b>LAFFOND, Erin L</b>	208 HAZELTON RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>LAFFOND, Michael S</b>	208 HAZELTON RD	M	AIRCRAFT MECHANIC
<b>LARNED, Danielle M</b>	PO BOX 283	F	CUSTODIAL
<b>LARNED, Gabriella R</b>	26 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	FRANKLIN TECH
<b>LEVITRE, Cristine</b>	PO BOX 363	F	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>LIVELY, Abigail R</b>	64 DELL RD	F	COOK/FITNESS
<b>LIVELY, Anne M</b>	22 FORD HILL RD	F	PCA/HOMEMAKER

<b>LIVELY, Carol F</b>	11 PETRIE RD	F	FARMER
<b>LIVELY, Christina A</b>	11 PETRIE RD	F	COLLEGE STUDENT
<b>LIVELY, Deborah L</b>	64 DELL RD	F	FITNESS
<b>LIVELY, Jason A</b>	22 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
<b>LIVELY, Jonathan A</b>	11 PETRIE RD	M	BOILER OPERATOR
<b>LONG, Barbara A</b>	58 TATRO RD	F	UNKNOWN
<b>LOOMIS, Ruth E</b>	63 TATRO ROAD	F	RETIRED
<b>LOOMIS, Sean R</b>	63 MIDDLETOWN RD	M	PARK MANAGER
<b>MARKERT, Karen</b>	377 TUNNEL RD	F	UNEMPLOYED
<b>MAY, Dennis F</b>	22 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
<b>MCLATCHY III, Paul</b>	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ADMINISTRATIVE
<b>MCLATCHY Jr., Paul</b>	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	RETIRED
<b>MCLATCHY, Carl J</b>	20 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	MEDICAL
<b>MCLATCHY, Kerri L</b>	20 NEWLL CROSS RD	F	TEACHER
<b>MILLER, Clayton C</b>	160 HAZELTON RD	M	WELDER
<b>MILLER, Ellen B</b>	160 HAZELTON RD	F	TREASURER/ASSESSOR
<b>MILLER, Lisa L</b>	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	F	NURSE/PRACTIONER
<b>MORAN, Julie A</b>	11 HAZELTON RD	F	DAYCARE
<b>MORSE, Ashton P</b>	162 ZOAR RD	F	MACHINE
<b>MORSE, Jennifer A</b>	PO BOX 295	F	MUNICIPAL
<b>NICHOLS, Robin</b>	58 TATRO RD	F	BAKER
<b>O'LEARY, Caleb M</b>	15 STONE HILL RD		CUNSTRUCTION
<b>O'LEARY, Thomas E</b>	15 STONE HILL RD	M	PEDIATRICIAN
<b>O'LEARY, April R</b>	15 STONE HILL RD	F	HUMAN SERV
<b>O'LEARY, Gideon J</b>	15 STONE HILL RD	M	STUDENT
<b>OSTROWSKI, Jasmyne A</b>	244 ZOAR RD		
<b>PAIGE III, Clifford F</b>	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	CUSTODIAN
<b>PAIGE, Gianna M</b>	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	
<b>PAIGE, Mary E</b>	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	CAN/HOMEMAKER
<b>PAIGE, Sara</b>	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	TEACHER
<b>PALLOTTA, Margaret R</b>	43 POTTER RD	F	ASST. TOWN CLERK
<b>PALMER, Edwin A</b>	6 PALMER RD	M	MECHANIC
<b>PARENT, William M</b>	39 STONE HILL ESTERDE	F	HR MANAGER
<b>PIKE, Laurie J</b>	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>PLANTE, Nancy J</b>	68 ZOAR RD		ADMINISTRATIVE
<b>PLANTE, Thomas J</b>	68 ZOAR RD	M	UNEMPLOYED
<b>POEHLEIN, David G</b>	PO BOX 17	M	SKI PATROL
<b>POLHEMUS JR, Richard E</b>	171 ZOAR RD	M	UNKNOWN
<b>POPLAWSKI, Claudine M</b>	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	SPED TEACHER
<b>POPLAWSKI, Daniel P</b>	37 SHIPPEE RD	M	ARBELLA INSURANCE
<b>POPLAWSKI, Emma C</b>	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	STUDENT
<b>POULIN, Aaron M</b>	294 DAVIS MINE RD		ARMY
<b>QUIST, Kelle J</b>	4 FORD HILL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>REARDON, Mary A</b>	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	HOUSEWIFE
<b>REARDON, William N</b>	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	M	VERMONT YANKEE
<b>REED IV, Lockwood L</b>	48 HAZELTON RD	M	US NAVY
<b>REYNOLDS, Danette L</b>	30 POTTER RD	F	HR ADMIN
<b>RICE, Dean T</b>	85 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
<b>RICE, Jennifer L</b>	85 FORD HILL RD	M	HOMEMAKER
<b>RICE, Jordan S</b>	85 FORD HILL RD	F	UMASS
<b>RICHARDSON, Rebecca F</b>	27 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	ELMSTEACHER
<b>ROBERSON, David A</b>	PO BOX 303	M	BUSINESS PERSON
<b>ROCCIO, Morgan T</b>	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	ROWE STUDENT
<b>ROCCIO, Paulette A</b>	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	SALES PERSON
<b>ROCHE, Barbara J</b>	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	F	RETIRED

<b>ROSE-FISH, Benjamin C</b>	32 SHIPPEE RD	M	
<b>SANCHEZ, Ramon L</b>	PO BOX 470	M	RETIRED
<b>SCHEIBER, Michael L</b>	63 DAVENPORT RD		
<b>SEMANIE, Caitlyn I</b>	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	THERAPIST
<b>SEMANIE, Joanne E</b>	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	CLERK
<b>SEMANIE, William M</b>	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD		MECHANIC
<b>SHERMAN, Connie A</b>	77 HAZELTON RD	F	PROGRAM MANAGER
<b>SHIPPEE, Julie J</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	POLICE CHIEF
<b>SHIPPEE, Kenneth R</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ROWE HIGHWAY
<b>SHIPPEE, Kyle K</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	LABORER
<b>SHULDA, Brooke E</b>	146 FORD HILL RD	F	UNKNOWN
<b>SHULDA, Lynne K</b>	205 ZOAR RD	F	RETIRED
<b>SILVA, Carrie Y</b>	123 DAVIS MINE RD	F	ADMIN ASST
<b>SILVA, Catie J</b>	123 DAVIS MIND RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>SILVA, Edward J</b>	4 STONE HILL RD	M	PRINCIPAL
<b>SILVA, Emily R</b>	123 DAVIS MINE RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>SILVA, Robert A</b>	123 DAVIS MINE RD	M	CONSTRUCTION
<b>SIMPSON, Eliakim H</b>	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	RETIRED
<b>SMITH, Sandra L</b>	PO Box 226	F	NURSE
<b>SNYDER, Catherine T</b>	49 CROSS RD	F	REG NURSE
<b>SOKOL, Charles L</b>	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	ENGINEER
<b>SOKOL, Meredith L</b>	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	NIDIFICATER
<b>SOUSA, James E</b>	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	
<b>SOVIECKE, Karen</b>	41 DAVENPORT RD	F	RETIRED
<b>SOVIECKE, Mitchell</b>	41 DAVENPORT RD	M	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>SPRAGUE, Brandon A</b>	162 ZOAR RD	M	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>SPRAGUE, Julie E</b>	242 FORD HILL RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>SPRAGUE, Kevin D</b>	242 FORD HILL RD	M	UNEMPLOYED
<b>STANFORD, Ronald B</b>	476 TUNNEL RD	M	PLANT ENGINEER
<b>STANFORD, Tammy</b>	476 TUNNEL RD	F	ACTIVITY COORD
<b>SUTHERLAND, Jennie R</b>	202 LESHURE RD	F	OUTREACH COOR
<b>SUTHERLAND, Laurie</b>	131 ZOAR RD	F	PROGRAMMER
<b>SUTHERLAND, Wendy S</b>	202 LESHURE RD	F	RN
<b>TANNER III, Robert H</b>	40 SHIPPEE RD	M	PCA
<b>TATRO, Christopher</b>	186 POTTER RD	M	
<b>TEMPLE, Wendy M</b>	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	
<b>THANE, Joseph E</b>	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	M	
<b>TOMLINSON, Susan D</b>	PO BOX 300	F	RETIRED
<b>TOTH, Ildiko A</b>	9 PINE HILL DR	F	RETIRED
<b>TOWER, Jonathan M</b>	234 ZOARD RD	M	DRFIELD VLLY SPP
<b>UPTON, Caitlin</b>	5 PINE HILL DR		
<b>UPTON, Darline J</b>	5 PINE HILL DR	F	PARA
<b>UPTON, Douglas</b>	5 PINE HILL DR	M	MECHANIC
<b>VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, Dawn M</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
<b>VEBER, Mary E</b>	294 ZOAR RD	F	CLERK
<b>VEBER, Presley</b>	3 PINE HILL DR	M	WW BUILDER
<b>VEBER, Terry</b>	294 ZOAR RD	M	VP/RICE OIL
<b>VEGA, Richard</b>	14 POTTER ROAD	M	HVAC TECH
<b>WERNER, Benjamin J</b>	22 KINGS HWY		EXEC DIRECTOR
<b>WERNER, Lauren A</b>	22 KINGS HWY		OFFICE MANAGER
<b>WESSMAN, Daniel J</b>	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WHEELER, Frank E</b>	22 KINGS HWY		
<b>WHITE, Glenn M</b>	245 LESHURE RD	M	BURNER TECH
<b>WHITE, Susan M</b>	19 STONE RD	M	TEACHER
<b>WILLIAMS JR, James R</b>	101 HAZELTON RD	M	LANDLORD



<b>WILLIAMS, Albert R</b>	58 TATRO RD	M	LABORER
<b>WILLIAMS, Dana M</b>	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	RESEARCH ASST
<b>WILLIAMS, Davina E</b>	101 HAZELTON RD		
<b>WILLIAMS, Frederick N</b>	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WILLIAMS, Jay T</b>	146 FORD HILL RD	M	
<b>WILLIAMS, MaryJo A</b>	36 PETRIE RD	F	AGRI-BUSNSS WM
<b>WILLIAMS, Robert O</b>	36 PETRIE RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WILSON REV, Douglass</b>	144 LESHURE RD	M	MINISTER
<b>WILSON, Marilyn</b>	37 POTTER RD	F	RETIRED
<b>WOOD, Jennifer Y</b>	19 STONE RD	F	ECE TEACHER
<b>YORK, Jillian M</b>	30 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	UNKNOWN
<b>ZAVOTKA, Kelly L</b>	505 TUNNEL RD	F	TEACHER

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2022

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At the end of 2021 the Town of Rowe received a request for a variance to our bylaws from Vertex Towers LLC. The request for a variance was necessary due to their desire to build a wireless communications facility on County Road in a residential area.

On Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 the board conducted a public hearing to consider the request from Vertex towers. The board then elected officers for 2022. After careful consideration at the end of the hearing the board voted to grant the variance to Vertex Towers with conditions contingent upon review by Town Counsel.

After receiving a favorable review from Town Counsel, the board met again on Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. The granting of the variance was then finalized.

On Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 the board met again. The board then elected officers for 2023. At this meeting the board established an application fee for a requested variance in order to defray the costs to the town for conducting a public hearing for a variance.

Henry Dandeneau  
 Gail May  
 Ellynn Packard  
 Michael Bradley  
 Kim Gabert

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - 2022**

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Animal Control Officer: Ramon Sanchez

Phone: 413-339-4836

Email: [rsanchezinc@gmail.com](mailto:rsanchezinc@gmail.com)

Relief Officer: Henry Dandeneau

Phone: 413-339-4295

Email: [henrydandeneau@gmail.com](mailto:henrydandeneau@gmail.com)

### **BOARD OF HEALTH - 2022**

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We were all saddened by the tragic and sudden loss of our chairperson Maggie Rice. Maggie will always be in our hearts; her wisdom and grace will be missed, as will her bright smile and sense of humor.

2022 continued to be a challenging year as the pandemic continued to be a threat to our community, and many of the regulations given by the CDC continued to change weekly. With all the ongoing changes, we worked hard to get our residents the most updated and accurate information. We had regular meetings with the Rowe Elementary school; collaboration and communication helped keep our teachers and students healthy and safe. The Board will continue to work closely with our partners at FRCOG and react if needed hoping that the situation continues to improve and is no longer a concern for our community.

We were fortunate to start the year with a new administrative assistant Christine Bailey. Christine has been a great addition to our team and an excellent resource for our community regarding Board of Health questions and inquiries. Her contact hours are Tuesdays 8:00am-1:00pm.

Many thanks to Joanne Semanie for filling our vacant seat until the term end. Her years working on the Board of Health helped our board function smoothly during the challenging year.

Rachel Lewis has been hired as our new town nurse. Rachel comes to our town with a wealth of

experience. Her high energy and commitment to her new role have brought many accolades from our town residents. Rachel continues to explore new ways to support our community by coordinating new programs such as the highly attended foot clinic, wellness clinics, CPR classes, and ongoing vaccination clinics. Her hours are Monday's and Thursday's 8:00am-4:00pm, and Wednesday's 10:00am-6:00pm with home visits as needed.

Rob Beaumier continues to keep up with new regional requirements for the transfer station working with residents to implement the new mattress and textile requirements. New clothing bins have been installed to help with the situation. The town continues to do an admirable job of recycling and cutting waste.

The Board would like to thank our community for all its continued support and encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant with their health and care for their neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowe Board of Health

## **BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWN NURSE - 2022**

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I took up the post of Town Nurse in May 2022. As the months have progressed, the number of patients seen by The Rowe Health Services Office continues to increase. The Rowe Health services office provides for around 7 residents a day or about 80 residents a month. Residents can receive care through walk-in service in the office, through house calls (if necessary), or via phone call. Services provided include, nursing assessments and triage, wound care, BP monitoring, point-of-care testing (see below), health counselling, diet and nutrition education, consultations, and support for a variety of medical needs. Other services include ear exam and wax removal, foot care, weight and fitness management, flu vaccination, and needle box exchange. Point-of care testing that is offered include blood testing for glucose, A1C (3-month blood sugar test), cholesterol/lipid-panel, INR (blood clotting factor), quantitative dipstick urinalysis, and strep throat tests. Test results are reported to client's primary practitioners for an improved continuity of care. All the testing services are complemented with health education, care plans (if needed) and follow-up.

In September, a Rowe town employee CPR training was held in the town hall, which was attended by 9 town employees. The CPR training was provided by Community 9-1-1, an organization based out of Turners Falls, MA and brought basic life support skills to our town employees if and when the need ever arose to perform skills such as CPR or the Heimlich maneuver.

The very first 'Foot Clinic', held at the Rowe Town Hall, was on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and has run subsequently the first Thursday of each month thereafter. The Foot Clinic is free to all Rowe residents who have any foot or circulation concerns or are unable to perform proper footcare independently. The clinic is staffed by 'FootCare by Nurses' who are trained nurses that specialize in all aspects of foot care. During

a 30-minute appointment a patient can not only expect to have toenails trimmed and callouses dealt with, but they will also have their overall foot health assessed and education provided to implement improved foot function and quality of life. These clinics are funded through the Rowe Council on Aging but are organized through the Town Nurse office. Please contact the Town Nurse with any enquiries relating to the Foot Clinic.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with Lydia Brisson, the Rowe Elementary School Nurse, a successful Flu and Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic was held at the Rowe Elementary School. The 4-hour clinic was open to the public and 97 patrons were vaccinated. The clinic was a true success and a great opportunity for multiple vaccines to be provided to a large group of people in a remote area. The hope is to continue this 'vaccine clinic' trend for upcoming years.

I have been in constant collaboration with many organizations to attempt to bring services to the area and increase awareness and accessibility for what services are available to the residents of Rowe. This is done through collaboration with Baystate Franklin Medical Center, FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments), FCRN (Franklin County Resource Network), Lifepath, and the Mary Lyon Foundation. Local BOH meetings (state of Massachusetts) are attended monthly or bi-monthly to keep up to date with current trends and gather the most recent information/education/guidelines relating to public health issues, including Covid-19. I hope to continue to network with an array of organizations to be able to serve the residents of Rowe to the best of my ability.

It has been a pleasure to be able to provide the residents of Rowe with illness prevention, health education, and wellness support through the second half of 2022. The Health Services Office is open Monday 8-4, Wednesday 10-6 and Thursday 8-4. Please call ahead if possible, to check hours and availability.

Thank you and see you soon,

Rachel Lewis, RN  
Rowe Town Nurse

## **BOARD OF HEALTH – COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES - 2022**

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The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. FRCOG's regional health staff provide professional support to the Board of Health for all public health issues. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, and Shelburne, and the nursing-only towns of Ashfield, Erving and Northfield. The Town's regional staff include Program Manager

Randy Crochier, Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg, Public Health Nurses Lisa White and Meg Ryan, and Epidemiologist/Health Educator Maureen O'Reilly. CPHS activities in Rowe on behalf of the Board of Health during 2022 included:

- Hosted Walk-in Wellness nursing hours and coordinated home visits with Rowe Town Nurse: they saw 24 different people for a total of 33 separate visits
- Gave 363 Flu and 548 COVID vaccinations at CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours, vaccination clinics, and home visits. Among these, Rowe residents received 19 vaccines.
- Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours: 118 boxes were exchanged.
- Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools and senior centers. These clinics served over 1,000 individuals in West County, including many Rowe residents.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance/contact tracing and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 53 Rowe cases, 49 of which were COVID-19.
- Partnered with local libraries, Better Life Partners, and other local recovery groups on a West County community training on how to identify an overdose and what to do.
- Communities initiative by enrolling 5 new towns including Rowe, conducting a survey of needs and 4 focus groups for early 2022, gathering participants for work groups to identify priorities from survey results, and participating on the steering committee.
- Assisted businesses with the on-line permitting system, and provided technical support for applications of annual permits. Processed 43 annual permits for Rowe (including Regional Permits).
- Organized two low-cost 3-in-1 Food safety trainings (ServSafe®, Mass Allergens Awareness and Choke Saver w' use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for town residents and business employees.
- Conducted 4 retail food inspections, and permitted one well.
- Conducted Title-5 (septic) code enforcement for the town. This included: witnessing four soil evaluation/percolation tests; reviewing five septic system plans, visiting these sites, conducting final installation inspections and preparing Certificates of Compliance; witnessing five Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer and assembling final paperwork; and issuing one local upgrade approval.
- Permitted and inspected 3 recreational camps for children as well as the bathing beach at Pelham Lake Park.

In addition, FRCOG staff:

- Provided funding and technical assistance for efforts to increase school-connectedness for students in the Supported Classroom program at Mohawk Trail Regional School.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which met quarterly to bring together

providers from the county's healthcare and human service sectors with community stakeholders in West County.

We thank the residents of Rowe for the opportunity to serve them and look forward to working closely together to improve the health of the community in the coming year!

Rowe's representative to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2022 was Herb Butzke, Board of Health member. We are grateful for the years of support and oversight by long time Board member Maggie Rice, and mourn her loss. For more information on the district, visit: [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org)

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - 2022**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rowe.

This past year has been a fairly quiet year for this department. We experienced very few significant storms in 2022 and the lack of rain during the summer reduced our need to monitor the lake level and work with the individuals that control that level.

I did attend various meetings with both the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in regards to how the Town can best work on a regional basis to be prepared either to respond to a situation in the Town of Rowe or support our neighbors in a response.

The Fire Department and the Police Department attended and participated in our annual training and drills with the Facility storing the nuclear fuel from what was Yankee Atomic Electric. We are well trained in a response to that facility.

The department continues to look at developing written policies and procedures on response to a situation in the Town of Rowe that requires more than a single response from either the Fire, Police or Highway. The citizens are very lucky in this community that all three agencies get along as well as they do and work so well together when the need arises.

Dennis M. Annear – Emergency Management Director

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2022**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rowe,

The Fire Department experienced a very busy year in 2022. The members responded to a total of 82 calls for service which was a 30% increase from 2021. 57% or 47 calls were medical calls which is consistent with the aging population in our community.

The biggest change in these numbers was the fact that we experienced 5 calls that classified as a "Structure Fire" and the department was asked to provide mutual aid to other communities 12 times.

The members of the department have spent considerable time responding to these calls ensuring that the citizens are provided with a service that they can be very proud of. The members also commit time every Thursday night to train and practice their skills, learn new skills and work on both the building and the apparatus.

We have dedicated a large portion of our training time this past year in developing practices and setting up the apparatus so that we can easily apply the most water in the most efficient method with the limited personnel that we have available to respond. We no longer look at the apparatus and say we do something or carry something in a certain manner just because that is the way it has always been done. We review every response that we go to and look at ways that we can do it better and more efficiently.

The number of calls this past year and the large number of mutual aid responses have given us great opportunities to review how we accomplish certain tasks on the scene of an emergency.

The Department was very lucky to have received a \$10,000.00 grant for Firefighter Safety enhancements last year from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. This grant allowed us to purchase and install new wireless headsets in all of our apparatus. These headsets not only allow us to protect our members from excessive noise exposure while driving and operating our apparatus but allow us to communicate on an emergency scene not only through the radio system but also through an intercom system that is independent of the radio system. We will complete this system in 2023 but it already has proven its worth this past year.

The department is also looking at how we protect our members from exposure to the cancer causing agents that we are exposed to at a Fire Scene. In the future we will only be wearing our structural fire fighting gear when responding to or actively participating in an actual fire. We are starting to purchase a lighter set of gear that we can wear on all other calls such as Medicals, Fire Alarm sounding, Carbon Monoxide Incidents, water emergencies, brush fires, Motor vehicle accidents, natural disasters etc. The wearing of our structural gear only at a fire scene will not only limit our exposure to the large number of cancer causing agents but also anybody we encounter on the scene.

Please thank the members of the fire department when you see them in our community. These individuals and their families go above and beyond in providing the service they do to the Town of Rowe.

The time commitment to be the best that they can be and the emotional toll that responding to some of these calls shows true dedication. The members of the department would also like to thank the Police Department for their outstanding work assisting us in a majority of our responses.

Dennis M. Annear – Fire Chief

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2022**

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Rowe Police department has had another good year, Officer Christopher Hyytinen has completed the Bridge Academy and all his mandatory training for the year. Officer Frances Noyes has joined our department as a part-time officer and has started the Bridge Academy and is due to finish by the end of June 2023. The Department has had drills with Yankee Atomic, Rowe Elementary School along with Massachusetts State Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

The Department has also assisted with multiple Fire calls alongside the Rowe Fire Department with mutual aid from other towns this year.

Police Department Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 5:30pm-7:30pm. I can be reached at the Police Department by phone, 413-339-8340 or via email at, [policechief@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:policechief@rowe-ma.gov)

I can also be contacted at my residence on the Police line at 413-339-0139. For non-emergencies please call Shelburne Control at 413-625-8200 or call 911 in the event of any kind of emergency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Police Chief, Julie Shippee





**2022 Sixth Grade Graduates**

(Left to Right) Brianna Vega, Brayden Brisson, Isabela Boehmer, Naomi Denouden, Carson Bauer

## PRINCIPAL - ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 2022

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### Rowe Elementary School

*"Where children come first..."*

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Rowe, MA 01367  
[www.rowschool.org](http://www.rowschool.org)

Bill Knittle, Principal  
Phone: 413-512-5100  
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It was another unprecedented year, with unexpected challenges and exciting rewards, but the staff continues to strive to provide the most comprehensive and caring academic and social/emotional educational experience for all of our students. So much has changed, but many things have not. What has changed is that last year's report talked about all the activities the students at the school were not able to participate in. Since September, we've been able to mix classrooms, and restarted field trips and after-school activities. Last year, life at the school was so different due to the pandemic. And while we're paying attention to COVID protocols, working closely with the Board of Health, and doing what we need to do to keep our entire Rowe School extended community of students, families, and staff safe, the new school year has been much less restrictive, and we have remained relatively healthy. It is nice to see unmasked smiles again!

What hasn't changed over the last three years is the staff's commitment to doing whatever needs to be done to offer every student the best education possible, as well as the cooperation between school staff and families to best support the students in whatever way they need.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- The Rowe School teaching staff continued its work with Outdoor, Place-Based, and Project-Based Learning (PBL), at all grade levels and across different subject areas at varying levels.
- Rowe School teachers evaluated the reading abilities of all students with the Benchmark Assessment System, with most students showing appropriate gains. This assessment provides meaningful information about both instructional and independent reading levels and supports the Guided Reading program.
- The Guided Reading program that is employed at the school allows the teachers to target reading instruction directly at a student's instructional reading level. For those students who test below grade level, we have reading intervention programs for grades K-6, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Read Naturally, and Wilson, that allow teachers to work with small groups of students to help them progress toward reading at grade level.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish from kindergarten through the sixth grade.
- The Rowe Parent-Teacher Partnership continued its fundraising efforts for the school, including selling Rowe School branded t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats, as well as many delicious and useful fundraising projects.

- The School Committee at the end of 2022 consisted of Susie Zavotka, Chair, Mary Paige, and Matt Crowningshield, who worked hard to guide the school.
- The North Berkshire School Union Central Office, including Superintendent John Franzoni, new Director of Pupil Services Tara Barnes, new Business Manager Lisa Blackmer, Office Manager Ronna Brandt, as well as several others, provided invaluable support to the students, staff, and families of the Rowe School.

Once again the learning adventure continues thanks to the support of our Rowe School families, the Rowe School Committee, the Rowe Select Board, The Rowe Board of Health, and the citizens of Rowe. Thank you to the Town of Rowe for its continued support of your students at the Rowe Elementary School, the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School, and the Franklin County Technical High School.

Respectfully submitted,

John Franzoni, Superintendent  
Bill Knittle, Principal

## ROWE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2022

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The Rowe School Committee members for 2022 were Matt Crowningshield, Vice Chair, Mary Paige, and Susie Zavotka, Chair. Non-voting members of the Committee included John Franzoni, Superintendent, Bill Knittle, Rowe School Principal, and Lauri Laffond, Recording Secretary.

Below is a brief summary of the major activities of the committee:

**Monthly Meetings:** The Committee met monthly. Superintendent John Franzoni, Principal Bill Knittle, and Recording Secretary, Laurie Laffond attended each meeting. Business Administrator, Lisa Blackmer, and Director of Pupil Services, Tara Barnes attended as needed. Due to COVID19 restrictions some meetings were held via meet.Google.com

**COVID19 School Protocol:** The School Committee and School Administration worked in cooperation with Rowe BOH to continue COVID safety protocol. Masks were required through the end of the 2021 school year and optional beginning in September.

**Classroom Reconfiguration:** Results of the Committee's survey of parents and review of the new classroom reconfiguration were positive. The new Age 3 Preschool class now has 7 students. The Preschool Age 4 and Kindergarten classroom configuration has also proved successful. In addition, using the cafeteria space for grades 1/2 and expanding the outdoor classroom for grades 3/4 has also been very positive for both teachers and students.

**Mohawk Trails Regional School Grades 7-12 Tuition Agreement.** A 3 year tuition agreement between Rowe School Committee and MTRSD was approved. The agreement is a renewal of the previous agreement.

**Physical Facilities:** The Physical Facilities Sub-committee met twice during the year to review the state of the building and grounds. Capital Improvement money was used to extend the parking area and replace control panels for the HVAC computer system.

**Employment:** The Committee adopted a new Personnel Policy Manual that corresponds more closely to the Town of Rowe Personnel Policy Manual. A new Cafeteria Manager was hired, Kelly Phillips.

**Retirements:** After 37 years of service to Rowe School, teacher Janice LaPointe retired. We are grateful for her dedication to teaching and supporting Rowe students.

Rowe School Committee is particularly grateful for the outstanding faculty, staff, and administrators who have served Rowe School this past year. Maintaining a high level of excellence in education through in-person learning under very difficult circumstances due to COVID has been difficult to say the least. Thank you for your outstanding service and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Zavotka, Chair  
Matt Crowningshield, Member  
Mary Paige, Member

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES - MTRSD - 2022**

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The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serve students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. The Department of Pupil Services oversees special education, Title IX, Civil Rights, and ELL.

According to state data-

### **Mohawk Trail Regional 2021-22**

<b>Title</b>	<b>% of District</b>	<b>% of State</b>
First Language not English	0.9	23.9
English Language Learner	0.8	11.0
Low-income	48.4	43.8
Students With Disabilities	21.9	18.9
High Needs	56.8	55.6

### **Hawlemont 2021-22**

<b>Title</b>	<b>% of School</b>	<b>% of District</b>	<b>% of State</b>
First Language not English	5.5	5.5	25.0
English Language Learner	5.5	5.5	12.1
Low-income	59.3	59.3	42.3
Students With Disabilities	25.3	25.3	19.4
High Needs	68.1	68.1	55.1

Services provided to students are in several areas: speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, academics, and English as a second language. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full-time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing an SLP and an assistant. This model changed two years ago to increase consistency and support for our students while being cost-effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. BSE, Colrain, and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist. Due to staffing, Hawlemont has a counselor and contracts out for psychological assessments. The Middle and High Schools have two full-time Adjustment Counselors (vs an additional guidance counselor) and School psychologist. The need for counseling support has increased dramatically and the ability for our students to access counseling in the community is extremely limited due to our location and size of wait lists. The level of services in each building is based on population, need, and level of services legally required by an IEP.

During the 2021-22 school year, we have returned to full in-person learning and are not serving students remotely. We do continue to offer virtual IEP meetings for caregivers, which supports their work-life needs.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. At this time, both parents have stepped down because their students are no longer involved in special education. We will continue to seek out new parents to support the SEPAC.

The district continues to support several substantially separate programs for students.

- -Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst): The program is located at BSE and currently serves seven students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently, those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School: The program supports students with social and emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- The district has a program in the middle school that supports students with intellectual delays and requires a substantially modified program. Additionally, there is a vocational program at the secondary level that supports eligible students until they are 22. The goal of the program is to develop work habits and interests and support community-level jobs. Students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## **SUPERINTENDENT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2022**

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It is a pleasure and honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. It has been a year with much to celebrate as students and staff have experienced a spring and fall of in-person learning. As we learn to manage the lingering effects of the pandemic, we are focusing on ensuring students have the learning support they need to be successful every day. I am incredibly grateful for the collaboration with local town officials, community members, and families as we move forward to address the challenges and celebrate our successes.

The school districts have continued to focus on improving our technology infrastructure for in-person instruction through device replenishment and touch screen projection equipment. Every classroom in every school in Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) now has a Clear Touch instructional projection device. In the Hawlemont Regional School District (HRSD), additional touch screens have been purchased and shared throughout the school. Our capital improvement projects in MTRSD have been completed. Again, thank you to the Capital Improvement Working Group for their time and thoughtful approach to ensuring our schools receive the needed attention and repairs necessary. We are excited to begin our solar project for MTRSD at the middle high school. While the project will create important

savings in our operating budget, it will also generate green energy for the school. Thank you to our Outdoor Learning Committee for bringing this proposal forward and through completion.

We continue to advocate for the unique needs of students, families, and schools in our rural district and across the Commonwealth to sustain high quality, equitable education for our communities. We have worked with Representative Natalie Blais to ensure that the Rural Commission Report Recommendations are a key priority in legislation moving forward. We have support from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association to advocate for the recommendations that would address the goals of the Student Opportunity Act beyond the initial phase of supporting districts and communities with substantial high need student populations.

Literacy continues to be a key focus area for both districts. Our District Literacy Leadership Team has chosen Wit and Wisdom for grades 7 and 8 and EL Education for Kindergarten through grade 6. Our work with the Hill for Literacy on the science of reading has continued as well as support from EL Education for implementation of our new curriculum. In addition, all elementary schools now have a common schedule so that students across the district have the same access to rigorous curriculum and instruction. We have continued our partnership with the Mary Lyon Foundation in support of our literacy focus, and extend our sincere appreciation for their collaboration.

A third key curriculum priority in all schools continues to be social-emotional learning. Our students continue to build resiliency in our post-pandemic and very digital world. Our guidance and adjustment counselors are key personnel in this effort throughout both districts. Our ESSR II and ESSR III funds continue to support enrichment and summer programming for our students and these programs demonstrate the amazing kinds of experiences our students have! Our biking program, hiking, winter animal tracking, ski club, STEM, kayaking and babysitting classes are just a few examples.

We continue to implement our [strategic plan](#) and the four key priority areas designed to move our district forward. These priority areas include building community, innovating, investing in our shared future, and fostering an inclusive community of learners. HRSD has also developed a strategic plan to address the challenges and build on the unique and special nature of being a small rural elementary school. It's exciting to see the enthusiasm for our learning community. Our students are amazing athletes, musicians, artists, leaders, and friends and demonstrate what it means to be a Trailblazer: we are unique and our educational paths are filled with exploration, curiosity, individualized learning, community involvement and deep connections. This is evident in so many areas of our districts. I continue to be extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to celebrate our learning community and look to the future to address the unique challenges facing our rural community. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton  
Superintendent  
Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts



## 2022 Mohawk High School Graduates

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Ashalyn Duval



Caitlin Upton



Emily Silva



Katie Silva



## **CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2022**

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The Fund was established under the provisions of the Will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year (2022) the Awards Committee read 25 applications. 16 were from seniors and 9 were from graduates. We used 30% of our allotted monies for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources.

15 scholarships totaling \$10,775.00 were awarded to seniors and 9 scholarships totaling \$25,200.00 were awarded to graduates. Due to a decline in applications this year from both seniors and graduates we were able to award larger scholarships compared to previous years.

From 1991 - 2022 a total of \$1,130,800.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$ 346,250.00 and \$784,550.00 has been awarded to graduates.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The Committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his Will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and living in the nine-town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs.

Applications are available either online or they can be obtained at Mohawk School.

Please call Student Services at Mohawk, 413-625-9811, Ext.1503 for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion E. Scott, Secretary

## FRED WELLS TRUSTEES - 2022

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This trust fund was established under the will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 were \$227,977.00 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year)

### EDUCATION

The Trustees received 172 applications and approved 171 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of **\$169,700.00**. This amount includes two \$1,000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist in their education.

### HEALTH

The Care Collaborative	\$25,000.00
Community Health Center of Franklin County	\$7,892.51
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$10,000.00
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$30,000.00
NE Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$12,000.00

Eight applicants were provided COVID Support Grants totaling \$33,000.00:

Charlemont Senior Center	\$ 2,000.00
Conway Council on Aging	\$ 1,900.00
Greenfield Senior Center/Council on Aging	\$10,000.00
Heath Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
Leyden Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
Shelburne Falls Senior Center	\$ 4,500.00
South County Senior Center	\$ 4,475.00
Northfield Council on Aging	\$ 2,700.00
Total Health Grants awarded were	\$105,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dot Lyman

## MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC. - 2022

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**October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022**

Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) was a record year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. We exceeded our expectations in the silent phase of our *Campaign for Student Success* and raised \$2,082,635.69 toward our goal of \$5,000,000 over five years. Total campaign revenue since the Campaign began on October 1, 2020, is \$2,827,668.

The *Campaign for Student Success* is a bold initiative that allows us to invest in the most pressing needs facing our students, families, and educators.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is working tirelessly to ensure that all students come to school ready to learn, succeed academically, socially, and emotionally and thrive in the wider world. Our goal is to provide families with access to the services needed to foster a healthy and stable learning environment at home and school. We strive to ensure that Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School District educators have the tools and resources they need to give our students the best possible education possible.

The Foundation's programming and services have expanded substantially in FY22 to meet the ongoing needs of our community.

### **Some program highlights are below:**

- We expanded our scholarship offerings to graduating students living in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Our food scarcity program has grown, and the Foundation currently delivers groceries to 140 People every other Tuesday. This program has doubled since its inception in July of 2021.
- We supported all educator assistance requests that promoted reimagination and innovation in the classroom.
- We provided funding for students to help with driver's education, CPR and first aid certification, serve-safe certificates, computers for college, and much more.
- Our Adopt a Child/Family program provided 73 children with gifts during the holidays, thanks to our partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank.
- Thanks to our partnership with the United Way and the Warm the Children Program, two hundred children in our community received funds so parents could buy winter clothing and boots.

- Due to the generosity of our community and the DAR, we gave warm winter hats, mittens, and scarves to the six schools in the school district and Valley Play School.
- Through our Walmart Gift Card Program, 158 gift cards were distributed to parents so they could purchase school supplies and other items to prepare their children for school.
- We partnered with the Salvation Army to help families with groceries, clothing, and utility bills through their Hometown Endowment Program.
- We funded scholarships to families so their children could attend summer and vacation camps and programs while parents worked.
- We provided parents of newborn babies with helpful supplies in collaboration with the DAR and the Good Neighbors knitting groups.
- We organized the West County People Who Support People Consortium in partnership with FRCOG and Community Action. This group of seventy service providers meets quarterly to discuss how we can connect our community to the programs and services available to our families and students.
- In partnership with MTRSD and Foxtown Diner, we supported a district-wide celebration of learning and gave graphic novels and dinner to children and families throughout the district.
- We partnered with The Optician to provide glasses for many children within the community.
- We provided emergency relief to families who needed help with their utility bills.
- We initiated a Period Poverty Program in the district, giving young women sanitary products.
- We provided funding for the Preschool Assessment of Stereopsis with a smile, a program that measures children's and nonreaders' depth perception.
- We provided funding for the senior class's Franklin County Fair Fundraiser. The senior class raises funds to pay for prom and other school-wide events throughout the year.
- We funded four seniors so they could fulfill their capstone projects.
- We partnered with MTRSD and helped fund a teacher appreciation ice cream social.

### **Campaign Highlights:**

- The Mary Lyon Foundation endowed the Mohawk Trail Sustainability Endowment through an anonymous donor.
- A campaign pledge funded the Paulyne and Harper Gerry Student Assistance Endowment.
- A campaign pledge funded Guardian Angel Endowment.
- We provided funding to build a new Career and College Readiness Center at the high school.
- We provided grant funding to multiple organizations to better serve the surrounding community.
- We funded the before- and after-school programs at Hawlemont Regional School through an anonymous donation.

- Through the generosity of Marion and Gordon Taylor, we created the Marion J. and Gordon E. Taylor Endowment, which will provide funding in perpetuity in areas of greatest need.
- In partnership with Gloriosa, we hosted our first campaign event and raised \$40,000 for the Marion J. and Gordon E. Taylor Endowment.

Through our campaign fundraising, the Mary Lyon Foundation has significantly increased our program and service delivery in FY22. As a result, we hired a part-time Program Coordinator to help manage, maintain, and expand our programming.

In FY22, many students and families faced extraordinary challenges. With the support of our constituents and community partners, the Mary Lyon Foundation expanded existing programs. It developed new initiatives to help meet the needs of our community across the district.

Through our *Campaign for Student Success*, we will continue to fundraise for the next few years to expand existing programs and underwrite our operating endowment. The Campaign will secure the Foundation's future and ensure that we will provide funding so that all students come to school ready to learn, succeed academically, socially, and emotionally and thrive in the wider world.

#### **Revenue and Expenditure Descriptions:**

**Special Projects:** Donations the Foundation receives are earmarked for other programs, such as

- the Buckland Recreation Department's Pool Project
- Career and College Counseling Center

**Scholarships:** Scholarship funding received and established by the Mary Lyon Foundation paid out to Mohawk Trail Students.

**Unrestricted Endowment:** Income from unrestricted donations is given to the Mary Lyon Foundation for use where needed most.

**Educator Assistance:** Funding for educators in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts to support reimagination and innovation in the classroom.

**Emergency Assistance:** This category supports the Guardian Angel, Paulyne and Harper Gerry Student Assistant Funds. These funds support the family and children of the district by assisting with groceries and clothing, avoiding shut off of utilities, etc.

**Literacy:** Funding to support literacy in children from birth through high school.

**Operations:** Annual fundraising to support the Mary Lyon Foundation's daily operations.

**Restricted Endowments:** Income from restricted endowments underwrite the Mary Lyon Foundation's programs, services, and scholarships in perpetuity. (e.g.) Student Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Literacy, and Educator Assistance

**Campaign Fundraising:** Unrestricted funding for immediate use where it is needed most.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristen Tillona Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristen Tillona Baker  
Executive Director

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## ASSESSORS CHERRY SHEET 2021

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**C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2022  
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS  
General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A**

**Rowe**

**A. EDUCATION:**

**Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Chapter 70	141,065
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	39,493
Smart Growth	0

**Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

School Choice Receiving Tuition	239,075
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**Sub-Total, All Education Items: 419,633**

**B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

**Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Unrestricted General Government Aid	4,330
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans Benefits	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	2361
State Owned Land	17,293

**Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

Public Libraries	2,809
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**Sub-Total, All General Government: 26,793**

**C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: \$ 446,426**

**C.S. 1-EC Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2018  
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES  
General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21  
Rowe**

**A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:**

County Tax	0
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Essex County Reg Comm Center	0
<b>Sub-Total, County Assessments:</b>	<b>0</b>

**B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:**

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution	523
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	320
<b>Sub-Total, State Assessments:</b>	<b>834</b>

**C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	2,139
<b>Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:</b>	<b>2,139</b>

**D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:**

Special Education	0
STRAP Repayments	0
Multi-Yr Repayment	0
<b>Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts:</b>	<b>0</b>

**E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:**

School Choice Sending Tuition	10,000
Charter School Sending Tuition	65,256
<b>Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:</b>	<b>75,256</b>

**F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES: 78,238**



## LEVY LIMIT - 2022

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### I. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2021 LEVY LIMIT

A.	FY 2020 Levy Limit	4,369,678	
A1.	Amended FY 2020 Growth	0	
B.	Add (IA +IA1) *2.5%	109,242	
C.	Add FY2021 New Growth	182,828	
C1.	Add FY2021 New Growth Adjustment	0	
D.	Add FY2021 Override	<u>0</u>	
E.	FY2021 Subtotal	<u>4,661,748</u>	
F.	FY2021 Levy Ceiling	12,903,238	<u><b>4,661,748</b></u>
			<b>FY2021 Levy</b>

Limit

### II. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2021 LEVY LIMIT

A.	FY 2021 Levy Limit	From I	4,661,748	
A1.	Amended FY 2021 Growth		0	
B.	Add (IA +IA1) *2.5%		116,544	
C.	Add FY2022 New Growth		151,041	
C1.	Add FY2022 New Growth Adjustment		0	
D.	Add FY2022 Override		<u>0</u>	
E.	FY2022 Subtotal		<u>4,929,333</u>	
F.	FY2022 Levy Ceiling		13,145,669	<u><b>4,929,333</b></u>
				<b>FY2022 Levy</b>

Limit

### III. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2022 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY

A.	FY 2022 Levy Limit	From Ii	4,929,333
B.	FY 2022 Debt Exclusion		102,150
C.	FY 2022 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)		0
D.	FY2022 Stabilization Fund Override		211,944
E.	FY2022 Other Adjustment		0
F.	FY2022 Water/Sewer		<u>0</u>
G.	FY2022 Maximum Allowable Levy		<u><b>5,243,427</b></u>

## COMPARISON ROWE TAX RATE

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Town of Rowe - Tax Rate History					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Open Space</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>
1993	\$5.98	\$0.00	\$9.81	\$9.81	\$9.81
1994	\$5.25	\$0.00	\$9.47	\$9.47	\$9.47
1995	\$5.61	\$0.00	\$11.75	\$11.75	\$11.75
1996	\$4.89	\$0.00	\$10.75	\$10.75	\$10.75
1997	\$5.34	\$0.00	\$11.70	\$11.70	\$11.70
1998	\$5.35	\$0.00	\$11.76	\$11.76	\$11.76
1999	\$5.36	\$0.00	\$11.82	\$11.82	\$11.82
2000	\$3.22	\$0.00	\$5.06	\$5.06	\$5.06
2001	\$3.36	\$0.00	\$5.28	\$5.28	\$5.28
2002	\$3.44	\$0.00	\$5.42	\$5.42	\$5.42
2003	\$3.49	\$0.00	\$5.52	\$5.52	\$5.52
2004	\$3.59	\$0.00	\$5.67	\$5.67	\$5.67
2005	\$3.59	\$0.00	\$5.79	\$5.79	\$5.79
2006	\$4.10	\$0.00	\$8.71	\$8.71	\$8.71
2007	\$4.11	\$0.00	\$8.84	\$8.84	\$8.84
2008	\$4.52	\$0.00	\$9.64	\$9.64	\$9.64
2009	\$4.56	\$0.00	\$9.74	\$9.74	\$9.74
2010	\$5.22	\$0.00	\$11.29	\$11.29	\$11.29
2011	\$5.33	\$0.00	\$11.56	\$11.56	\$11.56
2012	\$5.16	\$0.00	\$11.19	\$11.19	\$11.19
2013	\$6.30	\$0.00	\$14.08	\$14.08	\$14.08
2014	\$6.07	\$0.00	\$13.38	\$13.38	\$13.38
2015	\$5.90	\$0.00	\$13.01	\$13.01	\$13.01
2016	\$6.03	\$0.00	\$13.31	\$13.31	\$13.31
2017	\$6.19	\$0.00	\$13.67	\$13.67	\$13.67
2018	\$6.86	\$0.00	\$14.73	\$14.73	\$14.73
2019	\$5.01	\$0.00	\$8.02	\$8.02	\$8.02
2020	\$5.33	\$0.00	\$8.53	\$8.53	\$8.53
2021	\$5.33	0.00	\$8.64	\$8.64	\$8.64
2022	\$5.33	0.00	\$8.69	\$8.69	\$8.69

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION – 2022

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE **Rowe**  
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES TOWN  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

### TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2023

<b>I. TAX RATE SUMMARY</b>	
Ia.	Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe) \$ 5,589,253.93
Ib.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIIe) 1,199,757.21
Ic.	Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib) \$ 4,389,496.72
Id.	Distribution of Tax Rates and levies

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(c) Ic above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	7.5775	332,614.11	64,256,050.00	5.18	332,846.34
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	0.0751	3,296.51	347,720.00	9.48	3,296.39
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	52.7602	2,315,907.25	244,280,157.00	9.48	2,315,775.89
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>60.4128</b>	<b>308,883,927.00</b>	<b>2,651,918.62</b>		
Personal	39.5872	1,737,678.85	183,288,829.00	9.48	1,737,578.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0000</b>		<b>492,172,756.00</b>		<b>4,389,496.72</b>

Signatures
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#### Documents

Reviewed By:	Bobbi Colburn
Date:	12/19/2022
Approved:	Andrew Nelson
Director of Accounts:	Deborah A. Wagner

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE      **Rowe**  
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES TOWN  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2023**

<b>II.</b>	<b>Amounts to be raised</b>	
Ila.	Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)	<b>5,066,813.00</b>
Ilb.	Other amounts to be raised	
1.	Amounts certified for tax title purposes	<b>0.00</b>
2.	Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	0.00
3.	Final Awards	0.00
4.	Retained Earnings Deficit	0.00
5.	Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	231,322.00
6.	Revenue deficits	0.00
7.	Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00
8.	CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	<b>0.00</b>
9.	Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00
10.	Other : Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	217,242.00
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		<b>448,564.00</b>
Ilc.	State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)	70,441.00
Ild.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)	3,435.93
Ile.	Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)	<b>5,589,253.93</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Estimated receipts and other revenue sources</b>	
IIIa.	Estimated receipts - State	
1.	Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	417,308.00
2.	Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00
TOTAL IIIa		<b>417,308.00</b>
IIIb.	Estimated receipts - Local	
1.	Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	<b>107,066.21</b>
2.	Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	<b>0.00</b>
3.	Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	<b>0.00</b>
4.	Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	<b>0.00</b>
TOTAL IIIb		<b>107,066.21</b>
IIIc.	Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes	
1.	Free cash (page 4, col (c))	<b>358,244.00</b>
2.	Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	<b>317,139.00</b>
TOTAL IIIc		<b>675,383.00</b>
IIId.	Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate	
1a.	Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2022	0.00
1b.	Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2022	0.00
2.	Municipal light surplus	0.00
3.	Other source :	0.00
TOTAL IIId		0.00
IIIe.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources	<b>1,199,757.21</b>
(Total IIIa through IIId)		
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources</b>	
a.	Total amount to be raised (from Ile)	5,589,253.93
b.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	1,199,757.21
c.	Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	4,389,496.72
d.	Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	<b>5,589,253.93</b>

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2023

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2022	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2023	Percentage Change		
==>	1.	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	46,473.21	46,473.21	0.00
2.	OTHER EXCISE				
==>	a.Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	
==>	b.Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	
==>	c.Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
==>	d.Cannabis	0.00	0.00	0.00	
==>	3.	PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	822.00	822.00	0.00
==>	4.	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6.	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7.	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	
8.	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SOLID WASTE FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9.	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	32,653.00	32,653.00	0.00	
10.	FEES	1,160.00	1,160.00	0.00	
a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00		
b.Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00		
11.	RENTALS	5,921.00	5,921.00	0.00	
12.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	8,784.00	8,784.00	0.00	
13.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
14.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	
15.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16.	OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	215.00	215.00	0.00	
17.	LICENSES AND PERMITS				
a.Building Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00		
b.Other licenses and permits	745.00	745.00	0.00		
18.	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	
==>	19.	FINES AND FORFEITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
==>	20.	INVESTMENT INCOME	293.00	293.00	0.00
==>	21.	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	23,209.66	10,000.00	-56.91
==>	22.	MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING	0.00	0.00	0.00
23.	MISCELLANEOUS NON- RECURRING	0.00	0.00	0.00	
24.	<b>Totals</b>		<b>120,275.87</b>	<b>107,066.21</b>	<b>-10.98</b>

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2023**

APPROPRIATIONS	AUTHORIZATIONS						
MEMO ONLY							
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash (See B-1)	(d) From Other Available Funds (See B-2)	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1)	(f) From Enterprise Funds (See A-2)
01/29/2022	2022	26,000.00	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2022	2022	31,675.00	0.00	31,675.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2022	2023	5,009,138.00	4,391,430.00	326,569.00	291,139.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,066,813.00</b>	<b>4,391,430.00</b>	<b>358,244.00</b>	<b>317,139.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

APPROPRIATIONS	AUTHORIZATIONS			
MEMO ONLY				
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(g) From Community Preservation Funds (See A-4)	(h) *** Departmental Revolving Funds	(i) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
01/29/2022	2022	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2022	2022	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2022	2023	0.00	81,000.00	1,850,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,066,813.00</b>			

\* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates.

\*\* Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source.

Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

\*\*\* Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS - 2021

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### DEEDS RECORDED:

**BERNHARDT, JEAN** of West Salisbury, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L.** a Transfer of Convenience, property located at 143 County Road. (Map 202 Lot 35) (Book 7698 Page 320)

**GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L.** of Greenfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERNHARDT, JEAN** a Transfer of Convenience, property located at 143 County Road. (Map 202 Lot 35) (Book 7698 Page 324)

**BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J.** of Ridgefield, CT, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERNHARDT TRUSTEES OF ZOAR ROAD TRUST** property located at 332 Zoar Road (Map 204 Lot 1) (Book 7707 Page 291)

**BERSHOF, NANCEE J.** of Greenfield MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERSHOF LIVING TRUST** property located at 2 Dell Road (Map 408 Lot 2) (Book 7719 Page 28)

**GRAZIANO, JOHN M. & ROBERTA K.** of Flushing, NY, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **GRAZIANO REVOCABLE TRUST** property located at 58 Pond Road (Map 201 Lots 6, 7, 8 & 8.1) (Book 7723 Page 170)

**BOSTON MAINE CORPORATION & VERMONT AND MASSACHUSETTS RAILROAD COMPANY** of North Billerica, MA, in consideration of \$0, grants a Transfer of Convenience to **PAN AM SOUTHERN** property located at Tunnel Road (Map 411 Lots 13, 20, 23, 27, 28 & Map 412 Lots 2 & 3) (Book 7723 Page 175)

**HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** as **TRUSTEES OF THE ANNA J. HUMBERT TRUST** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** property located at 530 Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 33) (Book 7724 Page 93)

**HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **ANNA J. HUMBERT TRUST** property located at 530 Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 33) (Book 7724 Page 120)

**MARDER, DONNA GERARD, representative of the ESTATE OF JAMES P. CARSE** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$430,000.00, grants to **ZELAZO, SIMON J.** property located at 228 Zoar Road (Map 205 Lots 5 & 17) (Book 7727 Page 317)

**HAGEMAN, ALICE** of Jamaica Plain, MA, in consideration of \$100.00, grants to **CUPPLES, JOHN E. & L. ADRIENNE**, property located at 15 Kings Highway (Map 204 Lot 41) (Book 7730 Page 130)

**THANE, JOSEPH E.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$200,000.00, grants to **COASTLINE PROPERTY RENOVATIONS, LLC**, property located at 32 Davenport Branch Road (Map 408 Lot 39) (Book 7753 Page 218)  
**LOOMIS, RUTH E.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$82,000.00, grants to **STINE, MATTHEW AND SARAH**, property located at Hazelton Road (Map 202 Lot 37) (Book 7773 Page 69) (See Plan Bk 148 Pg 70)

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grants to **MA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME**, property located at Tatro Road (Map 408 Lot 34) (Book 7793 Page 197) (See Plan Bk 148 Pg 69)

**BROWN HALL, JOCELYN GAYDEN & STEWART, ROSALIND WHITING** of Washington, DC, in consideration of \$10.00, grants to **BROWN HALL, JOCELYN GAYDEN**, property located at 21 King's Highway (Map 204 Lot 40) (Book 7837 Page 255)

**ADELT, LINDALEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE WOODWARD INVESTMENT TRUST** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$160,000.00, grants to **O'LEARY, THOMAS E. & APRIL R.**, property located at 15 Stone Hill Road (Map 402 Lot 62) (Book 7839 Page 180)

**BOYD, JOHN M. & DEBRA A.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$193,000.00, grants to **BOYD, IAN & ASHLEY**, property located at 5 Stone Hill Road (Map 402 Lot 50) (Book 7839 Page 257)

**BROWN, JO-ANN M.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$150,000.00, grants to **RICHARDSON, REBECCA**, property located at 27 Newell Cross Road (Map 202 Lot 010) (Book 7862 Page 121)

**HICKS, BETTY, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCIS R. SLAUNWHITE**, late of Charlemont, MA, in consideration of \$60,000.00, grants to **LaGRASSA, CARLA, DE MENOCAL, PETER & LOOMIS, RUTH ELAINE** property located on Tatro Road (Map 409 Lot 006 & 017) (Book 7842 Page 69) (See Old Plan Bk 125 Pg 41)

**ANNEAR, DENNIS M. & TINA** of Halifax VT, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grants to **TIMMINS, DANIEL AND HART, OONA** property located on 13 Pelham Drive (Map 201 Lot 055) (Book 7865 Page 114)

**SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF VERBER, FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$0, grants to **SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A.** property located on 124 Zoar Road (Map 407 Lot 005) (Book 7883 Page 6)

**MEKRUT FAMILY LLC, f/k/a/ THE MEKRUT FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF** Lincoln, RI, in consideration of \$100,000, grants to **BERKSHIRE SWEET GOLD MAPLE FARM, LLC** property located on Route 8A – land situated partly in the Town of Heath and partly in the Town of Rowe (Map 408 Lot 007) (Book 7888 Page 144)

**MARINO ELLEN C. ADMINISTRATOR C.T.A. OF THE ESTATE OF GIROUX, BERTRAND** of Heath, MA, in consideration of \$10,000.00, grants to **NOYES, FRANCIS G.**, property all located in Heath due to 2008 Rowe/Heath town line adjustment (Map 006 Lot 45) (Book 7908 Page 168) (See Old Plan Bk 26 Pg 18)

**SURVEY PLANS RECORDED:**

**MA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME** of Boston MA, (Map 408 Lot 34) property located off Tatro Road (Book 148 Page 69)

**STINE, MATTHEW AND SARAH** of Southampton, MA (Map 202 Lot 37) property located on Hazelton Road (Book 148 Page 70)

**FRANKLIN LAND TRUST** of Shelburne Falls, MA (Map 408 Lots 32/35) property located on Davenport Road (Book 149 Page 1)



**NOYES, FRANCIS G.** of Heath, MA (Map 403 Lots 57/59) property located on Dell Road (Book 149 Page 93)

**CROWNINGSHIELD, JEANETTE** of Rowe, MA, (Map 410 Lot 033) and (Map 407 Lot 005) property located at 106 and 124 Zoar Road (See Plan Bk 150 Pg 10)

**AGREEMENTS RECORDED:**

**CROWNINGSHIELD, JEANETTE** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$5,000, grants to **SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A.**, property located at 106 and 124 Zoar Road (Map 410 Lot 033) and (Map 407 Lot 005) (Book 7916 Page 017) (See Plan Bk 150 Pg 10)

**EASEMENTS RECORDED:**

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$17,880.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a permanent trail easement for the public benefit, for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 32) (Book 7795 Page 187)

**SHANTIGAR FOUNDATION INC.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$13,270.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a permanent trail of easement for public benefit, for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 30/31) (Book 7795 Page 275)

**CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS RECORDED:**

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$250,000.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a conservation restriction for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 32/35) (Book 7795 Page 79) (See Plan Bk 149 Pg 1)

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR - 2022

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7-1-21	Commitments	Abatements	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments *	Outstanding 6-30-18
11 MVE	-180.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-180.83
12 MVE	-169.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-169.38
13 MVE	-34.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-34.38
14 MVE	-33.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-33.75
15 MVE	-320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-320.00
16 MVE	-192.50	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	192.50
17 MVE	-14.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-14.58
18 MVE	-46.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-46.25
19 MVE	-9.38	0.00	0.00	9.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 MVE	-878.80	0.00	0.00	703.09	0.00	0.00	-175.71
21 MVE	-2817.52	5,209.09	154.88	7672.42	154.88	0.00	-354.19
22 MVE	00.00	42,047.98	435.81	38,588.41	-465.81	1.00	-3488.57
18 RE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 RE	0.00	0.00	0.00	976.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 RE	-548.28	0.00	0.00	548.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 RE	-3,143.94	0.00	0.00	2,621.91	0.00	0.00	522.04
21 PP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22 RE	0.00	-2,801,049.83	4,189.44	2,785,381.14	-1602.58	1.91	-13,079.92
22 PP	0.00	-1,552,812.57	0.00	1,522,812.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>-8,389.60</b>	<b>-4,401,119.47</b>	<b>4,780.13</b>	<b>4,388,337.20</b>	<b>-2,223.27</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>-18,612.10</b>

### Miscellaneous Collections

Lien Fees	\$ 550.00
Demand/Warrant/Misc. Fees	596.00
Deputy Collector Fees	230.00
Mark for Non-Renewal	300.00
Interest on Overdue Tax Payments	737.73
NSF Fees Collected	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00
TT Fees/Postage Legal Ad	0.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,413.73</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Ilene Green, Tax Collector

## TREASURER REPORT - 2022

Financial Institution	Purpose Interest - Bearing Checking Accounts	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
UNIBANK	GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL	0.04%	\$ 13,301.95	
UNIBANK	DEBIT ACCOUNT	0.00%	\$ (1614.60)	
				\$11,687.35
Financial Institution	Purpose - Liquid Investments	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
UNIBANK	GENERAL FUND	0.26%	\$ 1,643,435.26	
UNIBANK	STUDENT ACTIVITY	0.21%	\$ 619.45	
UNIBANK	TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT	0.02%	\$ 0.00	
UNIBANK	LAST MILE - ACCOUNT CLOSED	0.00%	\$ 0.00	
				\$1,644,054.71
Financial Institution	Purpose - Trust Funds	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
MMDT	STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 1,338,357.34	
MMDT	CAPITAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 1,261,023.02	
MMDT	TOWN HALL COMPLEX STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.00%	\$ 215.58	
MMDT	CULTURAL COUNCIL OF ROWE ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 10,258.59	
MMDT	OPEB STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 106,047.94	
MMDT	HIGHWAY STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ -	
UNIBANK	MARTHA WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 8,917.19	
UNIBANK	CEMETERY	0.03%	\$ 21,300.03	
UNIBANK	ROWE LIBRARY GIFT	0.03%	\$ 491.79	
UNIBANK	CHARLES WELLS LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 3,540.30	
UNIBANK	PRESERVED SMITH LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 1,863.89	
UNIBANK	GOULD LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 17,184.73	
UNIBANK	FOSTER DONATION	0.03%	\$ 3,171.48	
UNIBANK	WHITE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 5,590.74	
UNIBANK	L.TOWER/JONES LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 5,590.74	
UNIBANK	ROWE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	0.03%	\$ 3,695.60	
				\$2,787,248.96
<b>All Cash and Investments</b>				<b>\$ 4,442,991.02</b>

TREASURER BOND - MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION MIIA

I hereby certify that the bank statements have been reconciled through the date of this report, that the cash on hand and other items were verified by actual counts.

Terry I. Green

Rowe Town Treasurer 01.10.2023

Respectfully submitted,

Terry I. Green  
Treasurer

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - 2022**

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Routine maintenance during the year included:

- Cleaning and repair of shoulders and catch basins/blowing leaves out of ditches/cleaning out bleeders/clean up under guard rails.
- Street sweeping/Pothole repair
- Grade dirt roads/adding gravel to dirt roads/Fixing wash outs Rolling the dirt roads.
- Waterway cleaning/basin cleaning
- Roadside mowing
- Brush clearing
- Tree maintenance

Upkeep of the Town Common and traffic islands/Transfer station lawn. Building maintenance. Tamping the Dump down when demo is full same with the steel bin also.

This year was a hot summer and not much rain. Paving Leshure Rd. went on end-summer by Warner Bros. Gravel was hauled to Davis Mine Rd., Tunnel Rd, County Rd, Potter Rd. Cleaning of Ditches, Fixing some wash outs. Lots of wind kept tree debris on the roads to keep us very busy.

Thank you to Janice Boudreau, Terry Green, Dave Fierro, Police Dept., Highway crew, Park Dept, Fire Dept, and Board of Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM 2022**

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The “Grasshopper” program was only one applicant, so the program was cancelled.

Thank you to Ted Palmer for poison ivy control around town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **TREE WARDEN 2022**

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As your Tree Warden I’d like to remind everyone that if they are going to remove any roadside trees it is important to read our Town By-laws. Our roads have been declared Scenic Roads by a Town Meeting vote. More information about what this means can be found in Section 10: of the By-laws and Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Anyone with questions or concerns about roadside trees please contact me at 413-339-5588 or at 413-339-5520 ext. 111

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **CULTURE & RECREATION**

### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE 2022**

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The Rowe Beautification committee strives to beautify the town with a colorful and diversified variation of flowering plants. Members and friends of the committee have worked effortlessly to continually maintain the many existing garden beds, containers, and whiskey barrels throughout all different. Lots of planting, weeding, watering, trimming and much more has been done throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 2022.

This year our dedicated committee decided to add another garden bed to the triangle common at the bottom of Brittingham Hill Road very similar to the one at the foot of Potter Road leading to Ford Hill.

The location of the flower beds and containers are around the town office building, gazebo, Veterans memorial, the town line barrel, fire station barrel, town fountain, Ford Hill and Potter Road triangle and the transfer station barrels.

Our intentions for the coming year are to maintain all the current garden areas and barrels throughout the town. We have also begun expanding the triangle section at the bottom of Brittingham Hill Rd. Enhancement of our Rowe gardens is the goal of our committee members and friends. All assistance from maintenance and watering to the donations of plants, has been greatly appreciated. Please come join us as many hands make light work!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cyndie Stetson

### **COUNCIL ON AGING 2022**

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Like many other Boards and Committees, throughout 2022 the Covid-19 pandemic has brought hardship to the Council on Aging. September-December of 2022 was spent brainstorming ideas on how to re-build this council and get our senior residents back into the community for social events and gatherings safely.

Town nurse, Rachel Lewis RN, has spent countless hours researching, collecting data, and communicating with multiple agencies gathering information on programs, clinics, and seminars that can help improve or guide the health of senior residents. One example of the many amazing things Rachel has incorporated into our town so far, is the monthly foot clinic. Rachel has and continues to set up and organize this program to help better serve our senior community.

2022 may not have been an eventful year for the Council on Aging but it has brought many ideas for the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Council on Aging Members,  
Ashley Manners-Boyd  
BJ Roche  
Brooke Shulda

## CULTURAL COUNCIL - 2022

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Charlemont Forum	Charlemont Forum Speaker Series 2022	\$500.00
Heath Agricultural Society	Heath Fair Music	\$850.00
Hilltown Families	Activities Newsletter	\$300.00
Pothole Pictures	Shelburne Falls	\$250.00
Mohawk Trail Concerts		\$500.00
Mohawk Trail Reg. High School	Darkroom	\$917.00
Rowe Historical Society	Ragtime Piano Concert	\$300.00
Rowe Historical Society	Kids in History Program	\$400.00
The Art Garden	Winter HoopLa	\$300.00
Friends of Great Falls Discovery Center	The Power of Place	\$200.00
Rowe Park	Meet the Mammals	\$300.00
Rowe Park	Winter Wildlife Tracking	\$150.00
Rowe Park	Mycology Walk	\$150.00
Rowe Park	Turtles	\$300.00
Memorial Hall Players	Dancing at Luchnasa	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Roche, Chair  
Robin Booth  
Barbara Gottesman  
Paulette Roccio  
Kelle Quist

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES - 2022**

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2022 was a quieter year at the library, as we still felt the effects of COVID in our community. The library was able to be open to the public but with continued masks and limited ability for large indoor programming. We always continued to grow a diverse collection of books, movies, magazines, and audios.

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In 2022 the library hours were still limited and the public was able to use the building and browse the collection by appointment. Curbside services were still being offered. Early in the year the library offered "Take and Make" bags. Things such as Hygge Bags, WasiWasa Craft bag, Hot chocolate bomb bags, and a couple other craft bags. In July monthly adult programs resumed but with registrations required to keep the number of people to a minimum and hours for the library were extended with no appointments required. August, Roberta Baker taught a group of adults to weave baskets. November, Dawn Beaumier helped patrons create beautiful and delicious Charcuterie boards. Roberta helped us learn how to make Kissing Balls in December and again in February. Both with full attendance. During the summer a 6 weeks children's program where a different community member taught the group something new each week, was hosted outdoors at the library. The 8 kids learned about counted cross stitch, electricity, leaf printing, and mushrooms.

Other programs throughout the year included in May the 4th Annual Plant Swap was put on and 16 + people participated in trading plants from their gardens. October the library provided pumpkins and patrons could carve or decorate them and placed them on our stone wall and lit on Halloween night. 4 different prizes were awarded to children and adults. The annual Summer Reading Program was attended by a few kids with prizes donated by the MBLC.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for new materials with our limited shelf space. In 2022 the library held a collection of 12,454 items including books, movies, audios, music CDs, The Recorder, Heath Herald and magazines as well as "The Library of Things" and "The Tool Lending Library". The library continues to offer museum passes for patrons to use. Currently the library has Mass Moca, The Clark, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, and Massachusetts State Parks pass. Patrons have access to books from other libraries through the CWMARS network and delivery system, as well as the always growing collection of digital books, magazine, audio books and streaming videos available through the CWMARS digital catalog. The library offers Hoopla as well giving patrons access to additional E-content including music, movies, books, audios and magazines.

The Trustees continue to meet monthly at the Library and citizens are always welcome to attend.



Respectfully Submitted  
Library Trustees:  
Catherine Snyder, Chair  
Rebecca Bradley  
Karen Soviecke

**Library Hours are:**

Tuesday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Library Fun



Summer Movies in the Park

## PARK COMMISSION - 2022

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Pelham Lake Park is a town-owned park consisting of over 1300 acres of diverse habitat including forests, fields, streams, a lake, and other wetland environments. The park is operated by the Park Commission and Park Manager for the benefit of all townspeople and their guests. The town is forever grateful to Mr. Percy Brown for his initial gift of approximately 500 acres to the town to be kept as a wildlife sanctuary and for the recreational enjoyment of Rowe's townspeople. Pelham Lake Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for everyone. The Park's recreational facilities include a picnic and swimming

area, children's playground, kayaks and paddleboards, horse-riding ring (at the meadow), skateboard park (in the center of town), a fitness center (at the Town Hall), and 18 plus miles of hiking trails.

The Park Department received grant funding in 2022 to implement more of the goals of the 2020 Forest Stewardship Plan. The Park received MVP grant funding in the spring for an update to our current Forest Stewardship Plan. Additional goals were added to the plan emphasizing climate resilience to prepare our forests for the future. The Forest Stewardship Plan update and original can be accessed on the Town's website under the Park Department page.

The Park also received a Woodlands Partnership Grant in the spring to complete several forest resilience projects. Those projects included the planting of 200 red and white oak seedlings off of the Davenport Trail. These species of trees were chosen to best adapt to future climate changes. Several Hemlock monitoring plots were set up along the Lake View Trail and with the assistance of the 3-6 grade classes at Rowe Elementary School data was collected that will monitor for the effects of the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on the growth of these trees. This will be an ongoing project with data collected yearly. Ten Ash trees were treated against the invasive Emerald Ash Borer and will be retreated in 3 years. Lastly, a design was completed for an Old Growth Interpretive Trail to educate the public on the importance of old growth characteristic in our forests. We thank Alex Barrett of Long View Forest for completing these projects for the town.

We would like to thank the Rowe Cultural Council for their continued support which funded a presentation on **Owls in New England** by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. The program was very well attended and enjoyed by over 75 people! Live animals accompanied a very informative and entertaining presentation.

A **Winter Wildlife Tracking Program** with David Ellis, a skilled wildlife tracker, took place in February and although there was not much snow many signs of animals were found throughout the walk. It was a fun and informative program with observations of deer browse, buck rubs, bear markings, midden piles, animal tracks, and more. Forester, Alex Barrett, lead a dozen participants on a **Walk with a Forester** in May to showcase climate resilience practices recently implemented within the Park using grant funding and to discuss forests in general and forest resiliency. A **Mushroom ID Walk** in September was led by Melissa Pariseau, whom has been studying and identifying mushrooms and fungi for 13 years. Eleven participants eagerly combed the forest floor, dead logs, and trees for different species of both edible and nonedible mushrooms. Melisa started the walk with information on safe identification. Several species of milk cap mushrooms, puffballs, oyster mushrooms, hoof fungus and many other species were found. The Park Department also sponsored a campfire and s'mores at the **Frost and Flannel Program** in December.

The Fitness Center at the Town Hall was open during business hours on Monday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. In addition, Fitness Consultant, Deb Lively, was available for fitness instruction and consultation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM from October through May. We thank Deb Lively for her assistance in keeping our residents healthy and moving.

We also thank Kate Peppard for continuing to provide a Park Department-sponsored free yogi class on Tuesday mornings for all town residents. Kate recorded the classes so as to allow residents to access yoga

at their convenience. More information can be found about our fitness programs on the Town Website under the Park Department page.

Two well attended senior picnics took place. Seniors were able to take their food to go or stay and enjoy a picnic at the beach.

The Park Department sponsored a **Summer Recreation Program** for children from 5-12 years of age for the first time in three years. The program ran for four weeks in the middle of the summer and had 22 participants consisting of town's children and School of Choice children. The program focused on outdoor learning and fun. There was a different theme each week. Much fun, learning, and enjoyment was had by all. The Park Commission thanks Emma Poplawski and her staff for a very successful Summer Recreation program!

Our Park Manager, Sean Loomis, and his summer staff completed many projects this year and we wish to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to the job. Again the Park Department was able to employ extra summer staff with funds from the Grasshopper Program. Some of the projects completed were the overhaul (sanding, staining, and new cedar shingle roofs) of the 13 kiosks and their installation, finishing of the new Cliffside Trail, new sign post installation, rerouting of the Beach Trail in 2 sections for erosion control, a wood deck installed in the Babbling Brook lean-to, as well as, regular maintenance of the trails. Six new Bluebird houses were constructed with the help of the 3-4 class from Rowe Elementary School for placement at the Soule property.

A very special thank you to our hard working, knowledgeable, and indispensable Park Manager, Sean Loomis. We are so grateful for his expertise and dedication in managing this unique town jewel.

We wish to also thank the town residents and taxpayers for their continued support of this special and amazing resource, Pelham Lake Park.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Rowe Town Park Commissioners  
Laurie Pike  
Hannah Poplawski  
Walter Quist



# REGIONAL AGENCIES & PARTNERS

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGIONAL DOG SHELTER - 2022

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The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter has been in operation since 2012. The shelter was started by Sheriff Christopher Donelan who saw the need in the community for a dog sheltering facility and is currently the only brick and mortar dog shelter in Franklin County.

As of this date, the dog shelter provides services to 23 of the 26 Franklin County towns. During the course of 2022, the Regional Dog Shelter logged 190 canine intakes, (164 where brought in as strays, and 26 where Surrendered, Transferred or Returned to our facility)

102 where returned to their owners;

74 where adopted into new fur-ever homes; and

11 where transferred to another facility to better meet their specific needs.

While we are primarily a dog facility with the addition of the Sheriff's Office Regional Animal Control Position the shelter assisted in the holding and transfer of 18 felines. At this time, the shelter does not have the capability to process cat adoptions, therefore all felines are transferred to an appropriate agency.

### Working with the Community:

Food Pantries: If you are struggling to feed your pet, or know of a food pantry that could use dog/cat food please let us know!

Rabies Clinics: In 2022, the shelter partnered with (2) local veterinarians to sponsor rabies clinics in Turners Falls and Heath.

Dog Licensing: Some Town Clerks have granted the ability for the shelter to issue a dog license for a dog that is brought in and not licensed. As Massachusetts General Law requires every dog be licensed and vaccinated for rabies before it can be released from the shelter. This ability has drastically reduced the time that an owned dog must stay at the shelter, if it was unlicensed upon intake.

Volunteers: Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of the shelter, without them, we would not have the success that we have today. Donating over 6,167 hours in 2022, volunteers helped with Daily Kennel Chores, Foster Homes, Event Staffing and providing Enrichment specific to each dog's needs. We are always in need of new volunteers, if you are interested in joining our volunteer team; please check out the volunteer application on our website.

Did you know? The overall average length of stay for a dog at our kennel is 30 days? During this time, all their costs and care are covered by the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter.

Telephone: 413-774-4014

[www.FCSO-MA.US](http://www.FCSO-MA.US)

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - 2022

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To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2022 shows a decrease of 200 tons of recycling compared to 2021. District residents recycled just over 2,500 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We returned to holding our Clean Sweep bulky waste collections in 2022 with events in May and October. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Northfield highway Garage, and Whately transfer station. The May event was the first one held since October 2019 due to the pandemic. Combined, the events served almost 600 households and collected over 60 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2022 at Greenfield Community College and Orange transfer station. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 374 households participated in this event. Residents have access to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$101,400 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 117 Main St. in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

## **FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - FRCOG - 2022**

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The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. The Community Health programs provide substance use and chronic disease prevention; the Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

**The following pages list services specific to Rowe.**

### **Climate Resilience and Land Use**

- Worked with the town to develop a Rowe Open Space and Recreation Plan, to be completed in 2024.
- Assisted the town with preparing a grant application to the MVP Program in support of a forest climate resilience program and funding for updating the Rowe Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- Prepared a Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership town grant application for the park commission to continue work on implementing their Forest Stewardship Plan including trail improvements.

### **Community Health**

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 112 Mohawk students, representing 82% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided resources for advancing racial justice in schools to the MTRSD school district.
- Provided coaching on restorative practices in Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the new, evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Provided funding and technical assistance for efforts to increase school-connectedness for students in the Supported Classroom program at Mohawk Trail Regional School.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which met quarterly to bring together providers from the county's healthcare and human service sectors with community stakeholders in West County.

### **Economic Development**

- Coordinated creation of the Deerfield River Outdoor Recreation Study, the Deerfield River Connectivity Project Report (which provided information on how WiFi connectivity could be provided at key river access locations), Upper Connecticut River Public Safety Map, and

signage to identify emergency take- out areas along the upper sections of the Deerfield River.

- Met with the town administrator to discuss the municipality's priority town projects seeking funding

### **Shared Municipal Services**

- Rowe contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including, rental equipment heating; and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; fire alarm and school district fire extinguisher services; and dog tags and licenses. Staff assisted the town with a bid for forest stewardship and forest resiliency projects and a tennis court rehabilitation project.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 22 building permits, 14 electrical permits, 13 plumbing/gas permit, and 5 certificates of inspection for Rowe in 2022.
- Rowe is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS Staff:
  - Hosted CPHS Walk-in Wellness nursing hours and coordinated home visits with Rowe Town Nurse: they saw 24 different people for a total of 33 separate visits
  - Gave 363 flu and 548 COVID vaccinations at CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours, vaccination clinics, and home visits. Among these, Rowe residents received 19 vaccines.
  - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours: 118 boxes were exchanged.
  - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools and senior centers. These clinics served over 1,000 individuals in West County, including many Rowe residents.
  - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance/contact tracing and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 53 Rowe cases, 49 of which were COVID-19.
  - Collaborated with local libraries, Better Life Partners, and other local recovery groups on a West County community training on how to identify and respond to an overdose.
  - Communities initiative by enrolling 5 new towns including Rowe, conducting a survey of needs and 4 focus groups for early 2022, gathering participants for work groups to identify priorities from survey results, and participating on the steering committee.
  - Assisted businesses with the on-line permitting system, and provided technical support for applications of annual permits. Processed 43 annual permits for Rowe (including regional permits).
  - Conducted 4 retail food inspections, and permitted one well.
  - Conducted title-5 (septic) code enforcement for the town. This included: witnessing four soil evaluation/percolation tests; reviewing five septic system plans, visiting these sites, conducting final installation inspections and preparing certificates of compliance; witnessing five title-5 inspections prior to property transfer and assembling final paperwork; and issuing one local upgrade approval.



- Permitted and inspected 3 recreational camps for children as well as the bathing beach at Pelham Lake Park.

## **Training and Education**

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables and training sessions that Rowe public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Municipal Officials' Continuing  
Education  
Town Administrator Roundtable (qtrly)

Public Health & Community Awareness:  
Three-In-One Food Safety Training – 4

Additionally, staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

## **Transportation**

- Developed a scope of work to conduct a conceptual plan for the creation of hiking trail connecting Heath and Rowe.
- Wrote a MassTrails grant for the purchase of trail building and maintenance equipment at Pelham Lake Park.

## FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 2022

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Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 627 retirees, 50 beneficiaries, 1,086 active employees, and 681 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2021, we are 97.7% funded at 33 years (82.5%) into the 40-year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year; therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com).

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our state oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2021	CY 2020	CY 2019
<b><u>Balances</u></b>			
Cash	1,428,506	1,492,254	1,579,892
Investments	207,207,180	174,179,165	155,459,951
Receivables	97,899	101,506	73,637
Payables	2,581,944	2,209,591	2,988,090
Annuity Savings (members)	33,909,443	32,662,132	31,675,249
Retirement Reserves	170,813,691	140,901,202	125,438,231
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Member's contributions	4,423,787	3,955,793	4,368,605
Towns, Schools, Agencies	7,684,673	7,268,256	6,871,971
Retirement Cost Sharing	546,491	565,436	516,330
Miscellaneous Revenue	21,318	11,867	10,781
Investment Income (net)	35,121,918	20,436,491	24,332,594
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Retirement Benefits	12,576,161	12,010,238	11,329,395
Operating Expenses	605,897	590,757	567,347
Investment Expenses	1,056,568	820,937	837,388
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,808,102	1,956,450	2,262,262
Refunds to Members	591,658	409,606	390,827
<b><u>Investment Performance</u></b>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.89%	8.59%	8.47%
10 years	11.26%	9.31%	9.57%
5 years	12.32%	10.14%	7.79%
Current Year	20.40%	12.65%	17.92%
<b><u>Demographics</u></b>			
	01/01/2022	01/01/2020	01/01/2020
Members' Average Age	48.00	47.50	47.50
Members' Average Service	9.50	9.20	9.20
Members' Average Salary	41,628.00	37,982.00	37,982.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.90	72.80	72.80
Retirees' Average Pension	18,949.00	17,171.00	17,171.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.60	60.30	60.30
Disabled Members' Average Pension	28,793.00	29,998.00	29,998.00

Dale Kowacki  
Executive Director  
Franklin Regional Retirement System

## WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP OF NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS - 2022

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The Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts (formally the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership) was established in 2018 to bring financial and technical resources to the 21 Town Woodlands Partnership region of north-western Massachusetts. The Partnership encourages sustainable economic development related to forestry, supports forest conservation on private lands, and improves fiscal stability and sustainability of the municipalities.

On October 11, 2022, the Woodlands Partnership Board unanimously voted to change its name from the "Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership" to the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts". Due to the fact the previous name did not appropriately represent the indigenous groups who were actually established in this area (the Mohican, Pocumtuck, Abenaki and Nipmuc tribes) and because only a third of the municipalities within the current boundaries are situated along the Mohawk Trail, it felt necessary to adjust the name. In the future, if the Partnership wishes to extend its boundaries further, the name will be inclusive to all participating municipalities.

The Woodlands Partnership administrative agents and board members spent much of 2022 meeting with local stakeholders and public bodies to update the 10 Year Woodlands Partnership Plan. This important document covers the history and mission of the Partnership, the region's demographics, land use history and natural resources, how climate change will affect our region and ways to mitigate that, what the future of the Partnership looks like, and much more. The most recent version of the Plan is available on the Woodlands Partnership website. ([mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org](http://mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org)).

The Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) led by the Town of Rowe includes funding for a Virtual Forest Center (VFC). The Woodlands Partnership, through its administrative agent, NEFF, will develop and host the VFC on its website. When completed, the VFC will provide online resources on the region's forests, forest health, resilience and stewardship, climate change impacts, and will also share demonstration forest profiles, forest management programs and case studies, and GIS story maps.

Through the Partnership's grant program, the Rowe Park Manager and Park Commissioners choose projects that will increase the Park's forest resilience and benefit recreationists. With funding awarded this year, the Park purchased metal trail blazes for all trails, lumber to complete boardwalks on the Lakeview Trail, and hired a graphic designer to design and provide signs for the newly installed kiosks. The Rowe BOS also supported a joint Woodlands Partnership Grant with the Town of Heath to conduct a feasibility study for a regional through-trail connecting the existing Mohican-Mohawk Trail in Shelburne Falls, trails in Heath and Rowe, and reconnecting to the Mohican-Mohawk Trail at the zoar gap. Study work is conducted through the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

As the Rowe Woodlands Partnership Representative, I will continue to provide updates on the Partnership's activities and events to the Town of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Poplawski - Rowe Representative to the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA Board

## VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT - 2022

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### Department of Veteran Services

294 Main Street  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
Phone 413-772-1571  
Fax 413-772-1401

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for veterans, their spouses, dependants, widows or widowers for Veterans' Benefits on the Local, State and Federal levels

Office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have dramatically increased the amount of VA claims we have been completing due to increased VA Presumptive diseases for numerous eras of service:

- District now brings in \$1,850,500.00 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales).
- Tim Niejadlik retired in October of 2022, with Chris Demars taking over as Director.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers. Brian Brooks, Veteran Service Officer, was named the Massachusetts Marine Corps League Commandant, representing Marine Veterans across Massachusetts for the second year in a row.
- Office participated in numerous protests against potential VA closures, this seems to have helped along with our local elected officials in keeping VA Leeds open for now.
- We project a slight increase for Fiscal Year 24 budget while continuing to expand services in 2023

Christopher Demars, Director  
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

**Member Towns:** Ashfield-Bernardston-Buckland –Charlemont- Colrain-Conway-Deerfield-Erving-Gill-Greenfield-Hawley-Heath- Leverett-Leyden- Monroe- Montague- New Salem- Northfield- Plainfield –Rowe- Shelburne- Shutesbury- Sunderland Warwick -Wendell –Whately

## REFERENCE & INFORMATION

### FEDERAL & STATE OFFICIALS 2021

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#### **President of the United States**

##### **The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**

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(Class II—seat expires 2027)  
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202-224-2742  
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##### **Richard E. Neal - D**

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##### **Governor of Massachusetts**

##### **The Honorable Maura Healey - D**

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888-870-7770

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**TOWN OF ROWE - GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Town of Rowe**

County of Franklin  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(First Settlement—Fort Pelham 1744 – Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)  
Incorporated February 9, 1785

Population:	393 (2010 U.S. Census)
Population:	394 (2018 Town Census)
Total Area:	24.07 Square Miles
Land Area:	23.55 Square Miles
Public Roads:	36.32 Miles
Elevation:	1,396 Feet
Longitude:	W 072 53 55
Latitude:	N 42 41 42

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:	Board of Selectmen; Open Town Meeting
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Second Monday in May
ANNUAL ELECTION:	First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting